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DE VALERA
TO
RECONSIDER.
LAND ANNUITY
SURPRISE.
AGREEMENT HE WAS
UNAWARE OF.
WRONG ADDRESS.

London, Apr. 12.
It is believed that the latest Note sent by the Rt. Hon. Mr. J. H. Thomas to the Irish Free State Government has shaken Mr. de Valera's confidence somewhat.

All members of the de Valera party are reported to have been greatly surprised by the mention in the Note of a financial agreement of February, 1923, having special regard to the land annuity, of which, it is stated, they were quite unaware.

Officials in Dublin are now said to be hastily and anxiously searching through the archives of the late Ministry for such a document, which a member of Mr. Cosgrave's last government informed Reuters' Dublin correspondent, exists.

It is learned that the agreement was signed by Mr. Cosgrave, who was then the Finance Minister of the Free State, and by Major Hill, representing to Government of the United Kingdom.

The Next Step.

It is understood that the Land Act of 1923 gave point to the agreement in respect of the annuities by setting out how they should be collected and transferred to England.

Mr. Cosgrave said at that time that the agreement was in every way satisfactory.

As Mr. de Valera has declared he will scrupulously honour any formal undertaking to continue the payment of the land annuities, his next steps will be awaited with some interest.

Consideration Delayed.

Although the Free State Executive Council meets to-morrow, a Dublin message says it is unlikely that the Dominion Secretary's reply to de Valera's despatch on the Oath and Land Annuity controversy, will be examined before Friday.

According to the *Times* Dublin correspondent, the friendly tone of the British Government note and its freedom from any kind of threat has been welcomed by Irish Free State citizens. He describes many Free State people as surprised that the Oath, which de Valera and his followers in the Free State Parliament have themselves taken, describing it in so doing as an "empty formula," should be treated as an occasion to precipitate a dispute. In no quarter of the British press is there any sympathy or approval found for de Valera's action.

The Wrong Address.

The Liberal Star this evening says: "Ireland now is no longer an appendage of England but a member of the Commonwealth of Nations. Her old position lives only in the memory of those who cannot adjust their minds to the facts. The only thing, in fact, which blinds the Commonwealth together is allegiance to the Crown. De Valera is writing to the wrong address. He thinks he is trying to break a link England. He is, in fact, threatening to break the bonds of the Empire which bind Irishmen in Canada, Australia, South Africa and New Zealand to Ireland itself".

Statute of Westminster.

The Evening News refers to the already expressed concern of Australia, New Zealand and South Africa at the possible consequences of de Valera's meditated action and says he will probably be further reminded by them that the Free State helped to frame the Statute of Westminster, in which it is laid down that the Crown in the symbol of the free association of the members of the British Commonwealth of Nations and they are united by a common allegiance to the Crown.

The News adds that all over the Empire the hope will be that the Ireland which accepted the invitation to the Imperial Economic Conference at Ottawa will not go there

SOVIET INTRIGUE IN MANCHURIA.

CITY UNDER ASHES.

ANDEAN VOLCANO ERUPTIONS

QUEER SCENES IN CHILE.

London, Apr. 12.
Residents in the volcano zone are in a state of terror as the hours of incessant eruptions pass without any sign of diminution.

They have, however, been somewhat cheered by the announcements of seismologists, expressing the belief that the danger of greater volcanic eruptions is subsiding, at least, temporarily.

Valparaiso and Santiago presented an extraordinary appearance. Both cities are covered with white cinders and ashes.

The flames shooting out of the Tinguiapirca crater have now subsided, but all the volcanoes are still emitting cinders and ashes.

The wind has changed and is now carrying the ashes to the mountains. The Red Cross has rushed assistance to the Andean frontier but up to the present no fatalities have been reported.—Reuter.

EXPORTS UP—IMPORTS DOWN.

THE FIRST MONTH OF TARIFFS.

London, Apr. 12.
An increase in exports and a decrease in imports are shown in the Board of Trade returns for March—the first complete month since Britain changed her tariff policy.

Figures issued to-day show that the month's exports were £36,620,376 about £1,200,000 over February, and imports £6,119,414 over £9 millions less than February.

The adverse trade balance has been reduced to £23,499,000 as compared with £34,738,968 the previous month.—British Wireless.

THE PRINCE AND INDUSTRY.

"GET TOGETHER" MOVEMENT.

London, Apr. 12.
H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, in a message to the National Industrial Alliance to-day, said he could see no more helpful sign for the restoration of industrial prosperity and consequent well-being of the people of this country than the determination of employers and employees to get together in a spirit of mutual helpfulness, and by pooling their experiences and special knowledge, seek to solve the many problems which at present concern them.—British Wireless.

Said to have attempted suicide in a fit of depression over financial matters, a woman named Lt. Lao, of 4, Chiu Shing Street, was removed to the Government Civil Hospital yesterday suffering from the effects of an overdose of eucalyptus.

A workman engaged on board the *Kwok-how*, at the Tai-koo Docks, last night received a fractured left leg when he accidentally fell into the No. 2 hold. He also sustained a scalp wound and was later removed to the Government Civil Hospital for treatment.

with the intention of tearing itself out of the family and so becoming no longer entitled to the many and growing boons which membership of the British Commonwealth confer.—British Wireless.



MANY ARRESTS IN HARBIN.

REDS AND REBELS IN ALLIANCE.

Harbin, Apr. 13.

Signs that the unrest against the new Manchurian administration is gaining strength daily are not wanting.

The latest development is an alliance between Communist agitators and the troops of the old Kirin Army on the eastern section of the Chinese Eastern Railway.

UNITE WITH U.S.S.R.

Pamphlets are being distributed urging the people to assist the rebels to "overthrow the Manchukuo Government" and "Establish a Soviet Government and unite with the U.S.S.R."

In Harbin itself, Red agitators are causing trouble and it is reported that many Soviet citizens have been arrested on charges of implication in plots to destroy railway property.

Kuan-tseuo Station, near Weishanho, has been looted and burned by bandits.—Reuter.

YOUNG MARSHAL'S FATE.

LOYANG DEMANDS DISMISSAL.

London, Apr. 13.

The closing session of the National Emergency Conference decided to request the National Government to order the dismissal of Marshal Chang Haueh-hang from all his posts and to investigate the charges against him.

The Conference suggested that his troops be handed over to the control of the Military Council, of which General Chiang Kai-shek is chairman.

A resolution was passed paying a tribute to the work of Dr. W. W. Yen in presenting Ching's case to the League of Nations.—Reuter.

LICENCE TERMS INFRINGED.

MAN WHO RAN TWO BUSINESSES.

For a breach of a condition governing the grant of his food licence, in that he sub-let or used part of his premises for a business other than that for which the licence was granted, without the special permission of the Head of the Sanitary Department. Lo Chung, proprietor of an eating house at 282, Hennessey Road, was fined \$10 by Mr. Schofield at the Central Magistracy to-day.

The prosecution stated that defendant was carrying on a dual business, having established a carpenter's business on the premises in addition to that of an eating house.

Defendant pleaded that he was doing the best he could to meet the high rent he was paying.

In imposing the fine, Mr. Schofield also made an order for the removal of the carpenter's business within a week.

SHANGHAI SHARES.

LATEST CABLED QUOTATIONS.

Messrs. Carroll Bros. have received the following cabled quotations of Shanghai shares:

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THE MENINGITIS EPIDEMIC.

STATEMENT BY M.O.H.

MILD AT PRESENT.

One of the surprising features of the meningitis outbreak in Hongkong, which Dr. G. W. Pope, Medical Officer of Health this morning described as a "mild epidemic", is the immunity so far enjoyed by the European population.

Ninety-five per cent. of the cases reported to date, which number 63, are Chinese victims. There have been only three Europeans—one French (imported) and two Portuguese, whilst one Armenian and one Indian case has also been notified.

Dr. Pope said he could not give the exact mortality figures, but they amounted to about 33 per cent., the number of deaths being just over 20.

"The figures do not justify the outbreak being called a real epidemic," he added. "The League of Nations take 25 cases a week as indicating an epidemic, but this figure is applied to a population of 5,000, and certainly could not be regarded as epidemic where there is a population of nearly a million."

"I should call the present attack a mild epidemic," he added.

Asked if the authorities had considered further the possibility of introducing preventive measures, the Medical Officer of Health replied that, so far as they could see, there were no such measures which could be enforced.

"My chief hope lies in some really warm weather. The same thing happened in 1918. As soon as the weather became colder, the cases increased, and when the sun came out and the atmosphere warmed up, they instantly declined."

Dr. Pope again stressed the necessity for plenty of fresh air and avoidance of crowded places, but, apart from this, said the disease left them helpless so far as precautions were concerned.

40. NEW FOREIGN UNDERTAKINGS.

EFFECT OF BRITISH TARIFFS.

London, April 12.

In a Parliamentary answer, Mr. Weller Runciman said the Board of Trade had received information regarding upwards of forty new undertakings which had been set up in Britain during the past few months by, or with the assistance of, foreign concerns.—British Wireless.

U.S. BASEBALL ON AGAIN.

BOSTON SHUT OUT IN WASHINGTON.

New York, April 12.

The baseball season opened yesterday with one game at Washington, in which the Senators defeated Boston (in the American League) by one run to nil.—Reuter.

CHICAGO POLLS IN PRIMARIES.

TERRORISM FEARS NOT REALISED.

Chicago, April 12.

Braving predictions of a reign of terror with Al Capone's gunmen ruling the ballot-boxes, citizens of Chicago to-day polled heavily for both the Republican and Democratic candidates in the primary election for nomination of candidates for the Presidency of the United States.

Forty thousand police and volunteers guard the polling booths, and there were only minor disorders.—Reuter's American Service.

Case for Defence.

Mr. Norman Birkett, K.C., opened the case for the defence, made the most of the fact that Mr. Lawrence Cowan, who was prominently associated with the manifestations in which Mrs. Morris was concerned, was not called as a witness.

Mr. Birkett denounced him as an attempted exploiter.

SILVER SLIGHTLY DOWN.

HONGKONG DOLLAR UNALTERED.

The Hongkong dollar still remains at 1s. 2d. 8d., although silver has again declined both in London and New York. The local market has an easy under-ton.

London reports a fall of 1/8d. in silver. There was no special feature on the market. India sold, but business was small. After the official fixing, the market ruled dull, with America in the lead.

In New York, silver is up 1/8d., with the market steady.



GENEVA HUMS.

THREE GATHERINGS IN SESSION.

TARDIEU STARRED.

Geneva, April 12.

Simultaneous work by the League Council, the International Labour Conference and the World Disarmament Conference, made Geneva a hive of international activity to-day.

Widespread interest.

In trances, she has delivered sermons in the ringing tones of a trained masculine speaker and her reputation is such that all the leading personalities in spiritualism are following the action with the greatest interest.

The claim is based principally upon a contents bill issued by the *Daily Mail* proclaiming:

TRANCE MEDIUM FOUND OUT.

Her counsel argued that it was impossible, as the *Daily Mail* implied, that a frail, poorly educated woman could produce such a phenomenon by conscious trickery. While preaching in a trance, her bodily changes themselves were remarkable. One side of her body became absolutely cold and her pulse leaped to 130. Dr. Eder, who examined her in those circumstances, described her as perfectly sincere and honest.

Sir Oliver Lodge, the veteran scientist, described his talk with "Mr. Power," one of plaintiff's "controls," and also a talk with his famous son, Raymond, who was killed in the War.

He discussed conditions in the world with his son.

World of Illusion.

"I put it to my boy, Raymond. You live in the world of illusion, and he replied: 'So do you father!'

Sir Oliver Lodge said he was absolutely convinced that Mrs. Morris was perfectly honest.

"It is a phenomenon that must be recognised—that a person can leave the body to be manipulated by another intelligence. That has been established as a fact by students of psychic science."

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**CONTRACT
BRIDGE.**

By W. E. McKenney,

Secretary, American Bridge
League.

In contract bridge, to arrive at the best declaration for the combined 26 cards, it is necessary for partners to exchange as much intelligent information as possible by sound bids—so as not to take a chance on losing game or over-bidding the hand.

When the original bidder's hand contains two and one-half high card tricks or better and a distribution assuring him that his hand will also take at least four or five tricks if played at the suit mentioned, he has three choices of bids:

1—He may make a minimum bid of one. While he may be taking a chance that his partner will pass short of game, partner should not pass when holding at least one and one-half tricks.

2—He may bid for game at once, but the risk here is very great as there may be two or three different declarations in the hand and the best declaration may not be the one he calls.

3—He may make a forcing bid which not only gives valuable information to partner but requires partner to keep the bidding open, thereby guaranteeing him another opportunity to bid.

The ordinary way to make a forcing bid is to bid one more of a suit than is necessary to hold the contract. The various types of forcing bids are as follows:

1—Any original bid of two in a suit requires that the bidding be kept open by partner until a game-going declaration is arrived at, therefore it should not be made if you are not willing to play the hand at game even though partner's hand may be trickless.

2—Overcalling partner's suit bid with another suit bid of one more than is necessary; e.g. partner bids one heart and you bid three diamonds. This also indicates a game-going hand and requires the bidding to be kept open until game is arrived at.

3—Overcalling opponent's suit bid with a higher bid of the same suit if partner had previously bid; e.g. your partner bids one heart, opponent bids two diamonds, and you bid three diamonds. This shows no losing cards in the opponent's suit, support in your partner's suit and slam possibilities. It further requires that the bidding shall be kept open until at least a game-going declaration is arrived at.

4—The one over one, which the writer advocates, is a take-off of partner's opening bid of one, with a bid of one in another suit; e.g. partner bids one heart and you bid one spade. This is the one-over-one and requires partner to keep the bidding open, but it does not guarantee game and partner may pass on the next round. Supposing partner were now to bid one no trump. He would show a minimum four card heart suit opening bid. If you were to carry the bid to two spades, partner, holding no additional values, has a perfect right to pass.

The following bids are strong invitation bids but are not demand bids and partner may pass them:

1—A free bid of more than game; e.g. partner bids one heart and you bid five hearts. This is a strong invitation for a slam bid, but partner may pass it.

2—A jump re-bid in your own suit after partner has once denied it, or if he has passed; e.g. you bid one spade, partner passes or bids two hearts, and you now bid three spades. You strongly invite him to go to four, but he may pass.

No trump bids are at no time forcing bids.

**THESE BULLION
BROKERS.**MR. BOWES-SMITH GIVES
AMUSING ADDRESS.**ROTARY TALK.**

Rotarians and guests found much to amuse them in a delightfully light address which was given by Mr. A. M. Bowes-Smith on the subject of "These Bullion Brokers" at yesterday's weekly luncheon of the Rotary Club, which was held on board the a.s. President Hoover, this being the first occasion when the meeting has been held on board a ship.

The Chairman (Sir William Hornell) welcomed the following guests—Rotarians, P. H. Stevenson, (Pekling), Yinson Lee, (Shanghai), L. L. Goodman, (Singapore), H. Thorpe, (California), A. P. Drakeford, (Manilla), Freider, (Manilla), S. Frazer, (Manilla), Gillette, (Manilla); and the following non-Rotarian guests:—Mr. Douglas Jenkins, (Consul General for U.S.A. in Hongkong), Mr. F. Hinke (Consul for U.S.A. Canton), Mr. R. J. Bell, (British North Borneo) Captain T. W. H. Hosgood, Dr. Ernest To, Dr. Y. S. Wan, Dr. Bernardo de Sousa, Mr. P. G. Kerley, Mr. R. Sutherland, Mr. R. A. Greaves, and Mr. R. Ryan, (all of Hongkong).

The Chairman announced that on the occasion of Goethe's centenary, "Faust" will be presented under the auspices of the German Club at St. Paul's Girls' College on April 16.

Mr. Bowes-Smith said:—As a guest of the Rotary Club and the Dollar Steamship Company it gives me much pleasure to stand before you to-day, but as a bullion broker I do so with that diffidence which is such a characteristic of the members of my profession. (Laughter). Exchange brokers, as a body, so often stand up to be shot at in the press that when one of them rises in public, he half expects to be the target for banana skins and rotten apples.

Seeing, however, that we have no bananas to-day and that such a thing as a rotten apple has never been seen on a President boat, I hope that my remarks will be greeted with nothing more than an occasional raspberry. (Laughter).

Docile And Harmless.

There is no section of the community which is more maligned than the bullion brokers, unless it be the Broadcasting Committee, the civil servants and the inhabitants of Ice House Street. Yet a more docile and harmless lot of human beings it would be difficult to find.

Accused of almost every crime, from rigging the exchange market and robbing the public, down to exceeding the rickshaw speed limit, these mild-mannered gentlemen find it hard at times to hold up their heads and look their fellow citizens in the face. Even the sharebrokers look askance at them, as though they have deliberately engineered the rise in the dollar to depress the stock market. In time they acquire a sort of inferiority complex, feeling that no matter how they present their case to the public no one will believe a word they say. As a matter of fact, I have never known an exchange broker tell an untruth. (Laughter).

Examples of Good Conduct.

Far from being undesirables, these gentlemen are singularly free from evil intentions and vice. Have you ever seen an exchange broker snatching a lady's handbag or trafficking in women and children? Have you ever known him cut his neighbour's aerial or appear in public improperly clad? Ours was practically the only profession not included in the list of prominent residents, soldiers, lawyers and what-nots who recently expressed a desire to go about naked. (Laughter).

Actually, the exchange brokers set an example of good conduct and gallantry which it would be well for others to emulate. When they find the narrow thoroughfare of Ice House Street blocked by pedestrians, they frequently get

out of their rickshaws and proceed on foot to prevent the jobbers being jolted into the gutter. When they are waiting outside a bank manager's door, and a merchant or lawyer arrives on the scene, they invariably make way and say "After you, sir", even if they know that it will probably be twenty minutes before he comes out again. And when a lady stops one of them in the street and asks to be directed to the Peak Church or the Virgins' Rotrent, he promptly leaves his job and sees her safely en route to her destination. (Laughter).

These positive qualities are unfortunately not recognised sufficiently, and so it is that the fraternity of which I am a humble member comes in for a lot of misinformed criticism. I hope to prove to you in a few moments, gentlemen, that instead of being criticised, we deserve your sympathy for the many buffettings we receive in the execution of our duty.

Their Private Lives.

Consider, in the first place, what these brokers are like in private life. One of them plays the piano. I've always maintained that a man who plays the piano must have a streak of goodness in him somewhere. (Applause). He also writes letters to the newspapers: a harmless sort of lunacy which cannot lead him very far astray. Several of them play golf, which is another harmless sort of lunacy, and only leads them as far as Fanling. One of them spends his spare time frolicking on the beach; while my old friend Champkin has a weakness for Boy Scouts and anti-aircraft guns. Quiet, innocent enjoyments, which they certainly deserve after the trials and tribulations of their daily task. I should, perhaps, admit that at least one of them is interested in the turf, but a man can even enjoy horse racing without being thoroughly dishonest.

I will not say any more about their private lives, for they are friends of mine. But I hope to have proved that they are no worse. (Continued on Page 10.)



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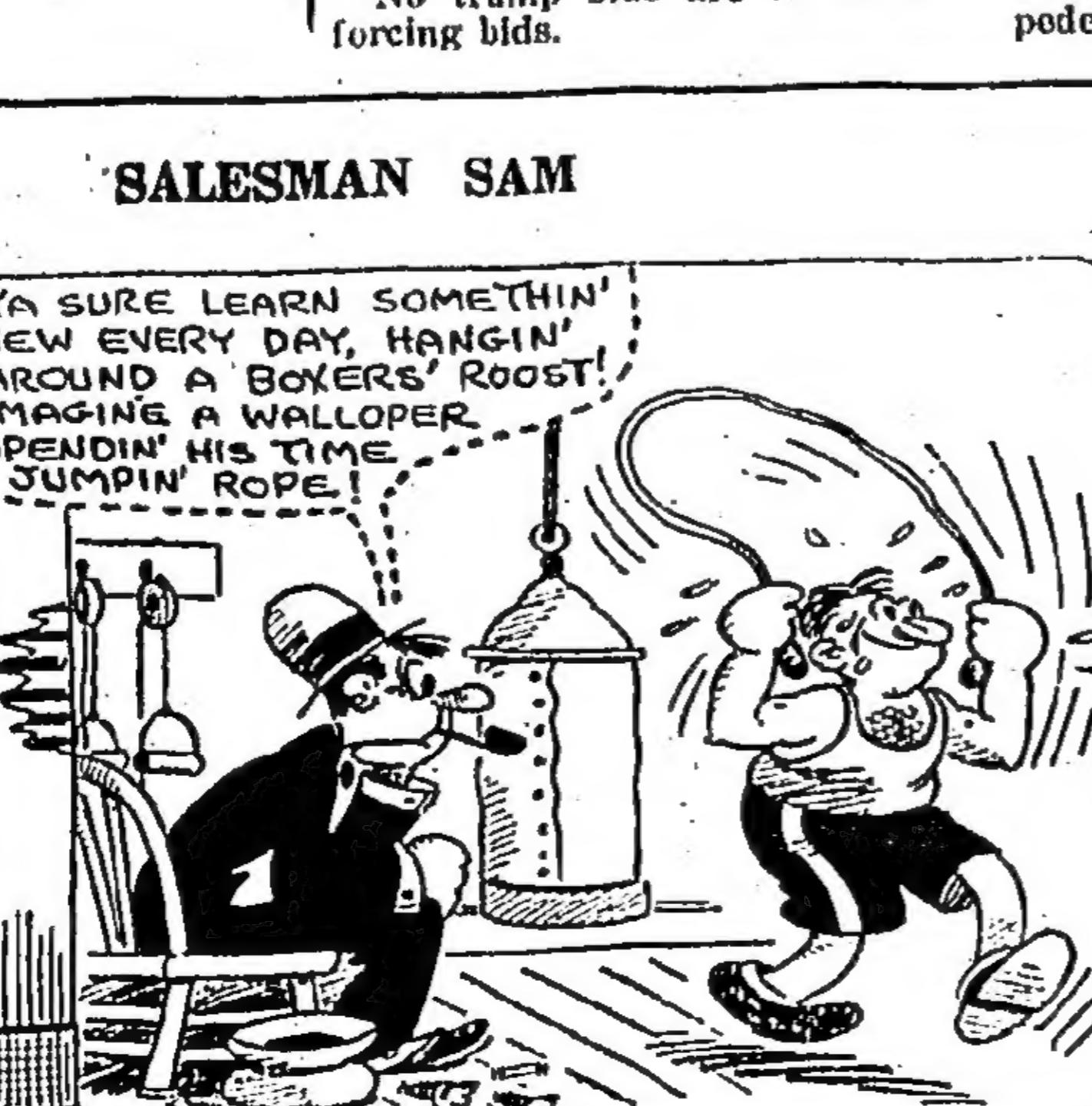
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THE MACAO JOCKEY CLUB.

Second Extra Race Meeting. (Postponed from 3rd April, 1932)

By courtesy of the Stewards of the Fanling Hunt & Race Club, the above Race Meeting will be held at the Kwanti Race Course

on Sunday, the 17th April, 1932, Flat Saddling Bell at 1.45 p.m.

First Race at 2.15 p.m.

Admission to Members' Enclosure will be limited to Members of This Club and Fanling Hunt & Race Club who must wear their Badges.

Non-Members will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure upon payment of \$5 per badge.

Tickets for admission to the Public Enclosure \$1 each.

Each Member is entitled to 2 Ladies Tickets free on application to the Secretary.

Special Train services. Leaving Kowloon at 1.05 p.m. and returning from Fanling at 5.58 p.m. \$2 fare including admittance charge to the Race Course.

By order,
W. L. ALEXANDER,
Secretary.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the Fourth Extra Race Meeting to be held on Saturday, 23rd April, 1932, (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, the Club House, Happy Valley, the Hong Kong Club, the Sports Club, and the Stables, Village Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock Noon on Thursday, 14th April, 1932.

By Order,
S. A. SLEAP,
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CINEMA SCREENINGS.

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After a search of two weeks during which production necessarily was delayed, Miriam Seeger was chosen for the leading female role in the Pathé comedy drama, "Big Money," featuring Eddie Quillan, Robert Armstrong, James Gleason, Miss Seeger and Margaret Livingston, which was directed by Russell Mack and which is showing at the Central Theatre to-day.

Miss Seeger, petite blonde, was favourably known on the stage, both in New York and London before she went to Hollywood about a year ago. She played leading roles opposite Richard Dix, Reginald Denny and Adolphe Menjou, and most recently was featured with Charlie Murray in "Clancy in Wall Street."

The cast for "Big Money" was carefully selected and some twenty-five prominent stage and screen players were entranced with the various roles.

The story deals with the troubles and triumphs of a Wall Street messenger boy employed in a broker's office. He is addicted to the gambling habit, which is not uncommon in Wall Street, and as a dice thrower he is a distinguished success. He is given \$10,000. to deposit in a bank, but anxious for another whirl at the cubes, he finds the bank closed and is obliged to guard the money through the ensuing night. He falls in with several gangsters and when they learn of the treasure he carries in a brief case, his troubles begin.

There are numerous thrilling scenes, but Eddie Quillan's flair for comedy even in the face of personal peril, carries him through with flying colours. He falls in love with his employer's daughter, portrayed by Miss Seeger and finally wins her after giving up the gambling game which had almost wrecked their love romance. The picture was directed by Russell Mack. Robert Edeson, Dorothy Christy and other notable players are in the cast.

"The Man I Killed" is strikingly exemplified in "The Man I Killed," coming soon to the King's Theatre.

Ernst Lubitsch's first dramatic talkie production will reach the screen with far less dialogue than the other big pictures made since the advent of sound.

Dialogue is important when it means something, yet only where it is vital to the story," says the director who made several dramatic silent pictures but whose talking production to date have been confined to the lighter and more sophisticated, "The Smiling Lieutenant," "Monte Carlo" and "The Love Parade."

"Lionel Barrymore, Nancy Carroll, Phillips Holmes and the other characters in "The Man I Killed" talk when it is logical that they should talk; they do not talk, however, when the story can better be developed in terms of action and use of the camera."

Page after page of the script of the after-the-war romance laid in France and Germany was bare of dialogue. It was more like the scenario for silent pictures, following the down-to-earth formula which authorities such as Schulberg and Lubitsch say is the new trend in providing the kind of entertainment demanded by the public.

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"Palmy Days."

Eddie Cantor insists that he has a future that goes beyond current successes, but what it is he doesn't know. Since the Samuel Goldwyn picture "Palmy Days" at the King's Theatre, is meant to be a for-laughing-purposes-only exposure of spiritualism, fortune telling and such occult pastimes, Cantor makes his role as an unwilling assistant to a fake spiritualist seem the more real. In the way of a future, Cantor is contemplating a goodwill tour of Europe under the auspices of Samuel Goldwyn. Personal appearances in connection with the showings of "Palmy Days" in Berlin, Paris, London, Vienna and Rome are likely. Eddie hasn't been to Europe since he went to England on his honeymoon in 1914, to sing a single number in "Chirlot's Revue." The song is still remembered—"I Love the Ladies."

Then the goggle-eyed comic has two stage offers under advisement—one from Florenz Ziegfeld for a new "Follies" or possibly a "book" or story show, and another for Earl Carroll's "Vanities." A year ago, when Cantor went westward after his long stage tour in "Whoopee," to make the memorable picturization of the New Amsterdam Theatre hit, he promised himself and his family—meaning his wife, Ida, and his five daughters—that he was through with the stage forever. No one challenges his right to change his mind—that is, no one except Eddie and his family.

Cantor's literary activities are becoming increasingly successful—so much so, in fact, that Eddie is seriously contemplating a more intensive concentration on that field: "Caught Short" was an outstanding success; "My Life Is In Your Hands" currently, "Yool Hool Prosperity" is attracting nation wide attention in book form after its serial publication in *The Saturday Evening Post*. His magazine stories find a quick market and great popularity. To him, it is a "rite and almost untouched field."

Lastly, then, Cantor has his family to consider—Ida, his wife, with whom he grew up in the East Side tenements of New York, his five daughters, ranging in age from four to fifteen. He knows that the more of a career he has, particularly on the stage or screen, with its night work, its constant travel and public attention, the more family he will have. He likes California. He thinks it a fine country to bring up the Cantor girls. He is a great mandarin in Great Neck, Long Island, that is closed during his Hollywood sojourn.

And so Eddie Cantor is wondering. The fortune-telling exposures of "Palmy Days" help him none at all. "Flying High."

Thanks for a huge new aluminum crane which permits a camera to be carried high in the air, there to operate either and yon at will, one of the most unusual "shots" ever made in a motion picture appears in "Flying High," which will open on Sunday at the Queen's Theatre.

The "shot" concerns a brilliant song and dance number, "Happy Landings." When the scene first appears on the screen, the camera apparently is hovering over a huge aviation field, from which scores of "ships" are rising. Suddenly, however, the field slips away, disclosing two scores of gorgeously beautiful girls, who perform an intricate dance manoeuvre as visible for the ensembles of "Whoopee." Kathryn Crawford is the featured singer of the number.

Only the invention of this new "camera crane" which can go through new and remarkable evolutions made possible this unusual photographic offering.

The "Happy Landings" number is but one of four new songs which are interspersed between the drolleries of Bert Lahr, America's most imitated comedian, Charlotte Greenwood, Pat O'Brien, Kathryn Crawford, Charles Winniger, Hedda Hopper, Guy Kibbee and others. Other numbers include "Dance Until the Dawn" and "The Examination Number." These are by Dorothy Fields and James McHugh. Dorothy Fields and James McHugh are the chief songwriters of "Beau Ideal."

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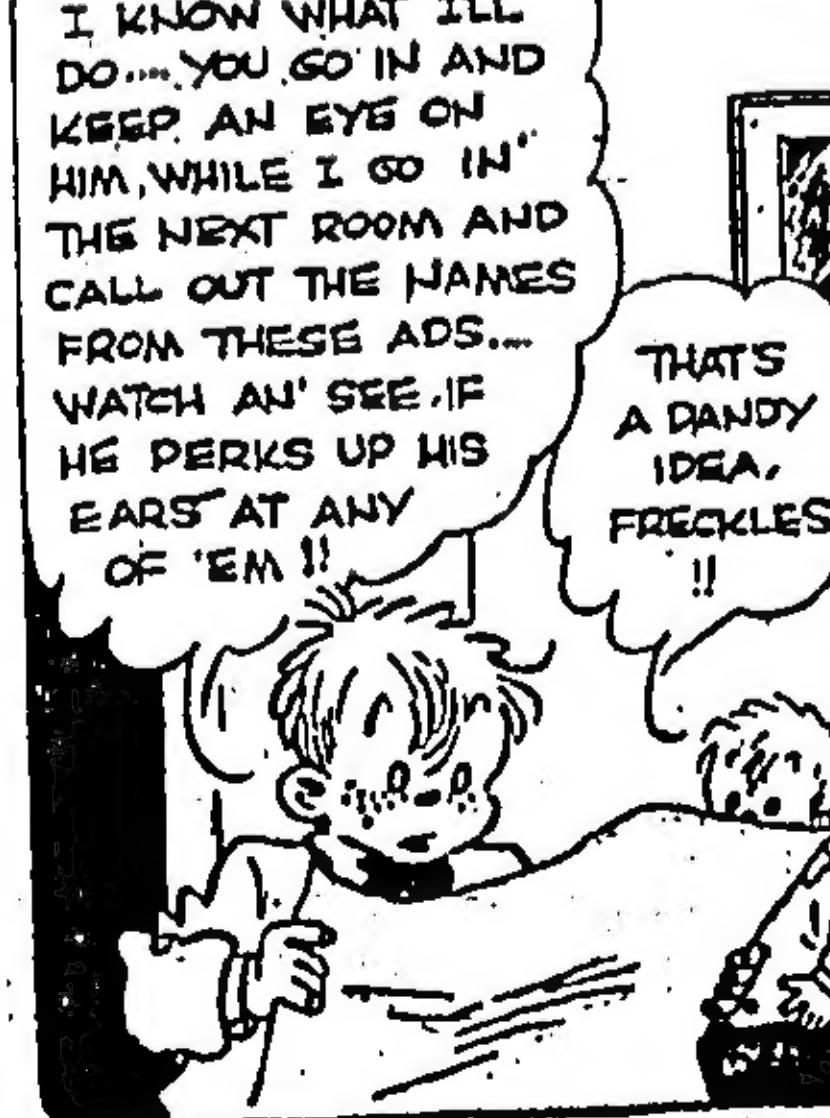
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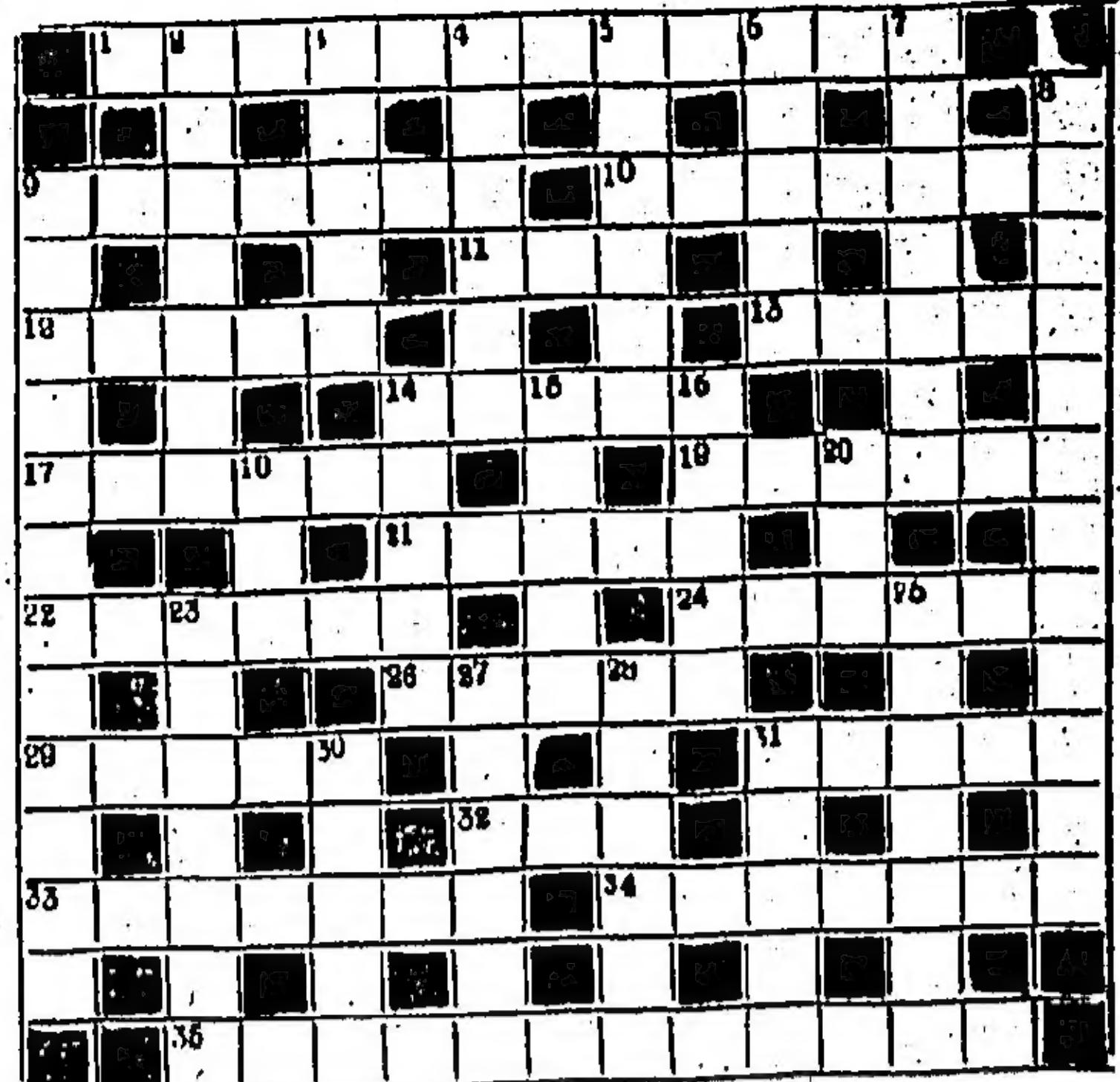


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Across

1 Tree burnt car (anag.).
2 "Do good by — and blush to find it lame" (Pope, "Epilogue to the Satires").
3 He who turns King's Evidence does.
4 North American country.
5 Painful on the head, but useful for casting from June onwards.
6 Cut off.
7 Irish to a certain extent, but short and to the point.
8 Put a bar round it for the mendicant.
9 The rug is upside down.
10 Famous swimmer.
11 After all, the sweet little thing and her dowsy are rather green.
12 Scottish dish.
13 All right when rotten.
14 Tree by this was abolished in 1218.
15 London suburb.
16 A shopkeeper who has lost all aspiration might still be useful for basket making.
17 Large Hindustani antelope.
18 Chinese boat frequently used as a residence.
19 Give them a little more for this subject.
20 Less than little, as in this.
21 There's a car at the corner; better secure it (hidden).
22 One of the Tribes of Israel.
23 Touching, but not to the point of tears.
24 The scene of many a pilgrimage in France.
25 Don't out again.

Down

2 You may take a high tone to begin with, but to be changed is the right thing.
3 Thoroughly fed up—or in bed.
4 This skat is not edible.
5 Poster (anag.).

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CORRESPONDENCE.

Hongkong Women.

[To the Editor, *Hongkong Telegraph*.]

Sir.—Your correspondent "Homo" says that the nursing sisters out here "have none of the home life in which other emigrants usually find compensation." How many of those Hongkong women whom he censured in his first letter have homes? A half-share in a Hotel bedroom is not a home. The drift from one ill-planned, Jerry-built flat to another, which is the fate of many Hongkong women, makes home life impossible. Very, very few men can stand the discomforts of maternity under such conditions, and probably the easiest way of escape from a nagging husband is to go and play bridge or dance with somebody else while amah keeps the child quiet.

Many women consider that motherhood under such conditions is an impossibility and remain single or childless. Most of these manage to work off their energy in useful interests, but few develop that thirst for excitement which "Homo" so deplores.

"Homo" seems to think that these women are inferior to their grandmothers, but he forgets that forty years ago the normal family budget allowed less than ten per cent. of the family income for rent. If that ratio to income could be restored, real home life would be a possibility, and the female of the species would fade out.

Mr. Kipling, when he paraphrased the words of Agur, the son of Jachah, put it all into two lines:

An odious woman married
May bear a babe and amend.

I enclose my card, and remain,
Yours etc.,

X.—Q. Y.

Macao Explosion.

Sir, I feel very grateful to Messrs. de Gray and Costa for their sympathetic interest towards the sufferers of last year's explosion.

But one thing, Sir, I should like to know whether the Macao Government has given any pension to the widows of the victims (Chinese, not the Macanese). Yours etc.

ON SICK-ABANG.

AN AFTER-DINNER MUSICALE.

BRIGHT PROGRAMME FOR FRIDAY.

A most entertaining programme has been drawn up for the after-dinner musicale to be held at the Helena May Institute on Friday night at 9 o'clock. Including, as it does, the Colony's best concert talent, the entertainment should be varied and attractive, and should cater for all tastes.

One of the features of the programme will be the appearance—the last in Hongkong—of the glee singers from H.M.S. Medway, who in their performances here have proved themselves a highly delightful combination, with an extensive repertoire of well-known numbers. Variety will be added by an instrumental trio, comprising Mrs. G. Griggs, Mrs. M. H. Arnold and Mr. E. Schroeter, and Mr. F. V. Whittle in some of his inimitable monologues.

Among the popular vocalists who will give numbers are Mrs. M. Portallion, Mr. P. St. A. Sharpham, Mr. W. H. Bailey and Mr. G. F. d'Aquino.

HONGKONG SHARE MARKET.

OFFICIAL SUMMARY BY STOCK EXCHANGE.

The opening this morning was quietly steady, but trading still remains on a meagre scale.

Sales.

Providents (Old) \$4.90.
Providents (New) \$2.30.
Humphreys \$10.65-\$17.
Hongkong Realties \$11.65.
Ewos Ths. 14.00.
Hongkong Electrics \$74.00.
Amusements \$22.40.

Buyers.

Union Insurance \$470.

Benguets \$12.50.

Docks \$204.

Providents (Old) \$4.90.

Providents (New) \$2.30.

Hotels (Cum. Rights) \$13.50.

Hongkong Realties \$11.50.

Chinese Estates \$65.

Benguet Explorations 29 cents.

Two Cotton Ths. 14.90.

Hongkong Tramways \$21.60.

Star Ferries \$60.00.

Hongkong Electric \$74.

Telephones (P.P.) \$24.80.

Lane, Crawford (Old) \$5.30.

Sinceres \$10.00.

Amusements \$22.40.

Constructions (New) \$1.85.

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Sellers.

China Lights (Old) \$21.50.

S. C. Enterprises \$10.

SCHNEIDER TRIO.

GREAT THREAT FOR HONGKONG.

It is to be hoped that there will be a large attendance at the Helena May Institute to-night, when the world-famous Schneider Trio will give the first of two recitals, the other being on Wednesday, 20th instant. A feast of really beautiful music is assured by these noted instrumentalists.

This is a wonderful opportunity for real lovers of music, and also an opportunity to demonstrate that the claim that Hongkong has not a music-loving community is not true. The Schneider Trio have travelled all over the Far East. In the Dutch Indies, in the Philippines, in Shanghai and in Tokyo they had a most enthusiastic reception.

The Musicians.

Prof. Baron Anatol Veltenghoff-Schaefer (Piano and clavichord), invented the "Chromaphone" and is a distinguished composer. Brilliant, captivating technique and musical capacities are the chief qualities of this excellent pianist. Through his exquisite touch predestined to be a clavichord player, he knows how to draw the beautiful tones from this wonderful instrument that give us the illusion of the strains of, olden times.

Remi Waschitz (violin), is a pupil of the celebrated French violinist Lucien Capet. He played for years in leading German orchestras; later he appeared as a soloist and chamber musician at Paris and Berlin. His playing shows the qualities of Germanic discipline and purity, refined by Romantic elegance and spirit. His extraordinary ear for music and his superior technique enable him to do justice to the style of every epoch.

Prof. Wolfgang Schneider, (violincello) is the founder of this trio, pupil of Professor Hugo Becker of the Berlin Conservatory of Music, has applied himself specially to the playing of Chamber Music. His mobility, his splendid taste and his intellectual adaptability give his rendition an exceptionally fine shading of sound. His extensive knowledge of literature and concert requirements during extended travel throughout the world, an extraordinary feeling for style, combined with exquisite taste, always make his concerts an outstanding event for the public. The title of Professor was conferred on him by the President of the Austrian Republic.

The remarkable qualities of these three artists, their perfect co-ordination—create a marvel of complete unity. Whether they play trios of the classical, romantic and modern school or Baroque music with clavichord, always the audience is impressed with the perfect reproduction of the compositions performed.

HINTS THAT PAY.

POST OFFICE REWARD TO EMPLOYEES.

Critics accuse the Post Office of lack of initiative and enterprise, and if they are right it is no fault of the employees.

In the list of Awards for Suggestions during the last three months 156 workers are shown as having received £250 between them.

The suggestions cover a wide range and are mainly concerned with the engineering and technical work. Some are obviously inspired by long-standing irritations. For instance, the man who suggested the fitting of handles to the wooden cover flaps of pneumatic tubes had "had some." One imagines him sitting at his work in future, in my case, a grateful department, may give him £1.

One man earned £2 by suggesting that the form on which he made his suggestion might be made smaller!

The highest award ever made was one of £100 for an invention which revolutionised telegraphy.

Altogether over £700 has been disbursed by the Post Office since the scheme was inaugurated a few years ago.

CHAPAI "REGIME."

ENDED BY ORDER OF THE JAPANESE.

Shanghai, Apr. 12. The "Chapai" puppet government, alleged to have been set up early this month with Japanese backing, has been closed down.

A Japanese communiqué states that the Japanese authorities have caused the association to close its offices on the ground that its activities were found to be against public interests.—*Reuter Morning Post Special*.

U.S. SENATORS AND WAR DEBTS.

SUDDEN OUTBURST OF ANGRY SPEECHES.

Washington, Mar. 17. An unexpected debate on War Debts broke out in the Senate to-day, which showed that the Senators had learned nothing and forgotten nothing since the discussions of last December.

One after another rose to declaim against the "intriguing Europeans" who were striving to find a way of putting more burdens on the United States and to proclaim the magnificent generosity which had animated Congress in accepting such unremunerative settlements of debts contracted in the common cause.

The protesting voice of Senator Carter Glass, of Virginia, former Secretary of the Treasury, cried unheeded in the wilderness. He was bluntly told by Senator Reed, of Pennsylvania, that he was in a minority.

Senator Glass advanced the revolutionary suggestion that there might be more profit in a reduction, or even in the cancellation, of debts than in exacting payment "of the last pound of flesh."

Displeased Democrats.

The position taken by Senator Carter Glass must have been irritating to the Democrat leaders for the debate bore signs of having been engineered to place the Administration in an unfavourable light on the eve of the elections.

A local paper had printed an article calling attention to Mr. Mellon's statement on debts in December that, owing to the fall of commodity prices, payments were far greater than Congress had contemplated when negotiating the settlements.

The writer suggested that one of the first acts of Mr. Mellon would be to reopen the debt question.

Senator Robinson (Arkansas) saw his chance of capitalising the present nationalistic sentiments in the United States and of representing Hoover as more concerned with the woes of foreigners than Americans. "Why not look at the subject from the standpoint of the American taxpayer rather than from that of the British?" he asked.

Mr. Mellon.

Senator Reed then rose to state that he had communicated with White House, and that the President had flatly denied that Mr. Mellon would be authorised when he reached London to open the question of debt revision.

Senator Reed was almost incoherent in his denunciation of "these slobbering pro-European propagandists." Both France and Great Britain are also great creditors with billions of foreign investments," he said. "It is perfectly simple to sell those securities."

When Senator Glass referred to the effect of such speeches abroad, Senator Reed said, angrily, "European friendship is not worth buying."

NON-STOP SHIP NOW GHOST SHIP.

CREW TAKEN OFF: LIGHTS LEFT ON.

New York, Mar. 18. The American collier Bardeleben, "the ship that could not stop," has now become a ghost ship, tossing about on the Atlantic rollers with her deck lights and searchlights blazing—but without a soul aboard.

After a daring feat of seamanship yesterday the crew of 34 were transferred to the Belfast steamer Laganbank 600 miles off New York.

Lights were left on the deserted ship as a warning to other vessels.

Chance of Salvage.

Three days ago the Bardeleben had her rudder wrenched away in a gale and she'd had to steam at full speed to keep head-on to the heavy seas.

First the White Star liner Adriatic and then the Laganbank kept in touch with the Bardeleben.

Boston, Later.—There is a fair chance of salvaging the Bardeleben. A cutter is standing by her.

Loyang, Apr. 12. The National Emergency Conference closed this morning with a review of troops.

The delegates voted for the gradual enforcement of conscription in China, stressing the importance of military training in schools.

The conference decided to invoke a National People's Conference in October, with 300 delegates representing the leading professions and civic organisations and also the overseas Chinese.—*Reuter*.

DE VALERA ON HIS PLANS.

BRITAIN OWES US £40,000,000.

Dublin, Mar. 17.

In a frank statement to journalists at Government Buildings to-night regarding his programme and his attitude to Great Britain on the vital issues of the hour, Mr. De Valera, the new Republican President, made these important points:

"The Oath of Allegiance will be abolished almost at once, and our intention is to try to assimilate the office of Governor-General (of the Free State) eventually into that of the President.

"The Government does not intend to make any payment of the £4,000,000 land annuities which have been handed by the Free State to Great Britain since the Treaty was signed ten years ago. We are satisfied, moreover, that we have a claim for repayment of the money already paid to Great Britain during the last ten years. That is to say, they owe us £40,000,000.

Republican Army.

"The Government does not expect that there will be any activities in the Irish Republican Army—one of the organisations which was banned under Mr. Cosgrave's Public Safety Act—which could be described as a disturbance of the peace. The Public Safety Act will be suspended at the next meeting of the executive council.

"Although there are no effective steps that can be taken at once to abolish the boundary between Northern Ireland and the Free State, I hope ultimately that the good sense of all involved will bring about the wiping out of that boundary."

Tariffs which the Government intend to impose will be "not for revenue purposes, but mainly as a means of protection of our infant industries against long-standing and large-scale industries."

"As to Imperial Preference, Mr. De Valera said, "We have an open mind."

THE FEARS OF FAMOUS MEN.

SUPERSTITION.

Famous men's superstitions are the subject of a new book by Sir Charles Judd.

Miss Marjorie Bowen, the novelist, in a foreword, states:

"Superstition has again more souls than desire or the lust for gold or power."

The author reveals that Sir Malcolm Campbell, the world's fastest racing motorist, repudiates superstition, but believes in luck.

Unlucky Thirteen.

Here are the reactions of two judges, two cricketers, and an actor to superstition.

Mr. Justice Luxmore.

Always refused in his barrister days, a brief marked "12 guineas"—even if it were disguised as "12 guineas and one extra."

Mr. Justice McCordie: Denies that he has any superstitions. "They are inconsistent with my mind, instincts and my outlook," he says.

Mr. Percy Chapman: The Test captain—does not believe in superstition, but thinks that port certainly ought to go the right way round.

Doctor W. G. Grace was obsessed with the belief that if his name is in the batting list, was opposite an even number, he would make no runs.

Sir Henry Irving caused a sensation by sending a note to a lady in the stalls: "For God's sake take your peacock feather fan out of the theatre to prevent disaster"

EXPLORING THE ETHER.

SELECTING TEAM FOR AMERICAN TOUR.

Brussels, Mar. 7.

At the end of a ceremony to-day, during which busts of Professor Piccard and of his assistant, Paul Kipfer, were given to the University of Brussels, Professor Piccard stated that the next ascent into the stratosphere would take place in June.

The pilot is not yet named, but the physicist who will be in charge of the measuring apparatus will be a young professor of the Brussels University, M. Max Cesyns. The experiments will be made under the supervision of Professor Piccard.

The necessary money will be supplied by the Belgian National Fund for Scientific Research. The making of an aluminium gondola will begin immediately. The gondola will be spherical in shape like its predecessor, which is still on the glacier of Ober Gurgl.

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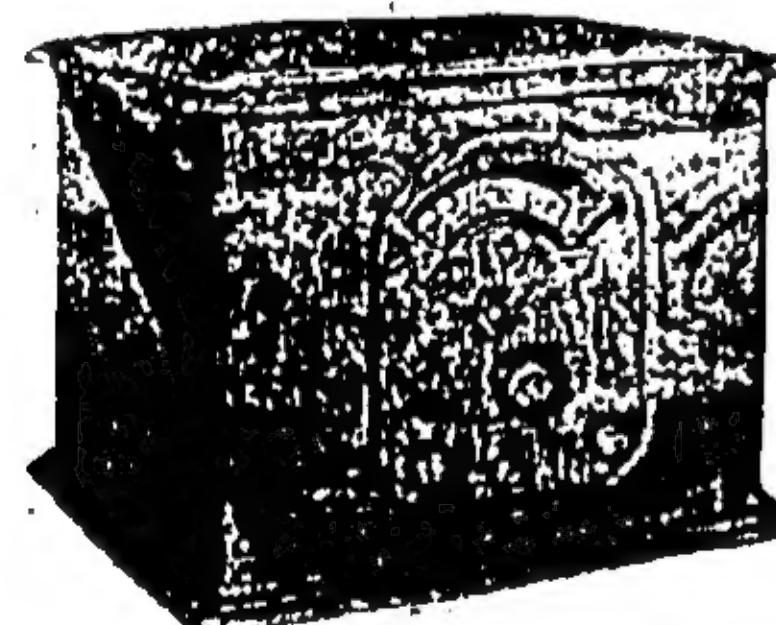
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SLUM AREAS.

REBUILDING QUESTION AT SANITARY BOARD.

"Nothing would please me more than to see the disappearance of these slum areas, but if they are to exist, will it not be better for them to be with sanitary conveniences than without," declared Mr. M. K. Lo at yesterday's meeting of the Sanitary Board.

The question arose following a discussion on an application for the erection of five water closets at No. 15, New Market Street and No. 8, Connaught Road West. Consideration of the application was adjourned to enable the Board to see the premises.

Mr. G. R. Sayer (President) told the Board that the Select Committee dealing with the application had unanimously recommended that the Board refuse the application, Hon. Mr. H. T. Creasy, Director of Public Works, declaring that the building was unsuitable and he did not want to perpetuate the type.

Mr. Lo said that it was really reverting to the old question of whether the Board would use its power as a lever to cause the rebuilding of old houses, a policy to which the Board had previously agreed. It would not adhere. He would be inconsistent in supporting the motion unless he was assured that that was not being done in this case.

Mr. Sayer—It is not a case of using a lever; the building is simply not suitable.

Mr. F. C. Hall—I must support Mr. Lo. If a building is unfit for a water closet, it must be unfit for human habitation.

Hon. Mr. Creasy and Dr. Pope, Medical Officer of Health, declared that the premises were insufficiently ventilated.

Dr. R. A. de Castro Basto said he would like to take a look at the premises and on his request, the matter was adjourned.

FRIENDLY HOCKEY.

G. SINGH'S BRILLIANT PLAY FOR RADIO.

In a friendly hockey match on the Caroline Hill ground yesterday afternoon the Radio Sports Club beat the German Club by six goals to nil.

The Radio team were vastly superior to their opponents and through the efforts of G. Singh at centre-forward established a strong lead in the first half when they scored four times. G. Singh being responsible for three of the goals and K. Singh for the other. G. Singh again netted in the second half when A. Singh scored sixth.

Neither team was at full strength. For the Radio G. Jack at centre-half and G. Singh were outstanding, while Muller tried hard for the German Club but always found the Radio defence too good.

LAWN TENNIS.

BODIKER AND LEUNG TO PLAY HERE.

Two of the leading Canton players, G. Bodiker, the singles champion, and Leung Tak-kwong, the runner-up, will be playing against local players on Thursday and Friday on the stand court.

Both Bodiker and Leung have defeated E. C. Fincher and M. W. Lo in the Interport contest between Hongkong and Canton, but S. A. Ranjahn has defeated them both during some of his week-end visits to Canton.

University Tennis.

The following will represent the Engineering Faculty in a University inter-faculty tennis match against the Medicos this afternoon at 4.30 p.m. at Pokfulam:

Prof. F. A. Redmond, L. A. Oppenheim, P. L. Tan, K. M. Lo, W. Fletcher and L. A. de Silva (Capt.).

TENNIS DOUBLES FINAL.

NOW INDEFINITELY POSTPONED.

We are informed by the Hon. Secretary of the H.K.C.C. that the tennis doubles championship final, which had to be postponed yesterday by reason of inclement weather, and which it was hoped might have been played to-day, has now been postponed indefinitely.

The match will take place on the first available day on which the weather and court are suitable, the date to be announced later.

FRIENDLY CRICKET.

HONGKONG C.C. ELEVEN AGAINST KOWLOON.

The following will represent the Hongkong Cricket Club against the Kowloon Cricket Club at 2 p.m. at the Hongkong Cricket Club on Saturday:

E. J. R. Mitchell (Capt.), A. C. Beck, Captain, R. L. Burnett, R. N., E. R. Duckitt, J. E. Richardson, Lt. A. M. Anstruther, R. E. D. McLellan, L. T. Ride, W. D. Folley, J. E. Potter and A. D. Lawson.



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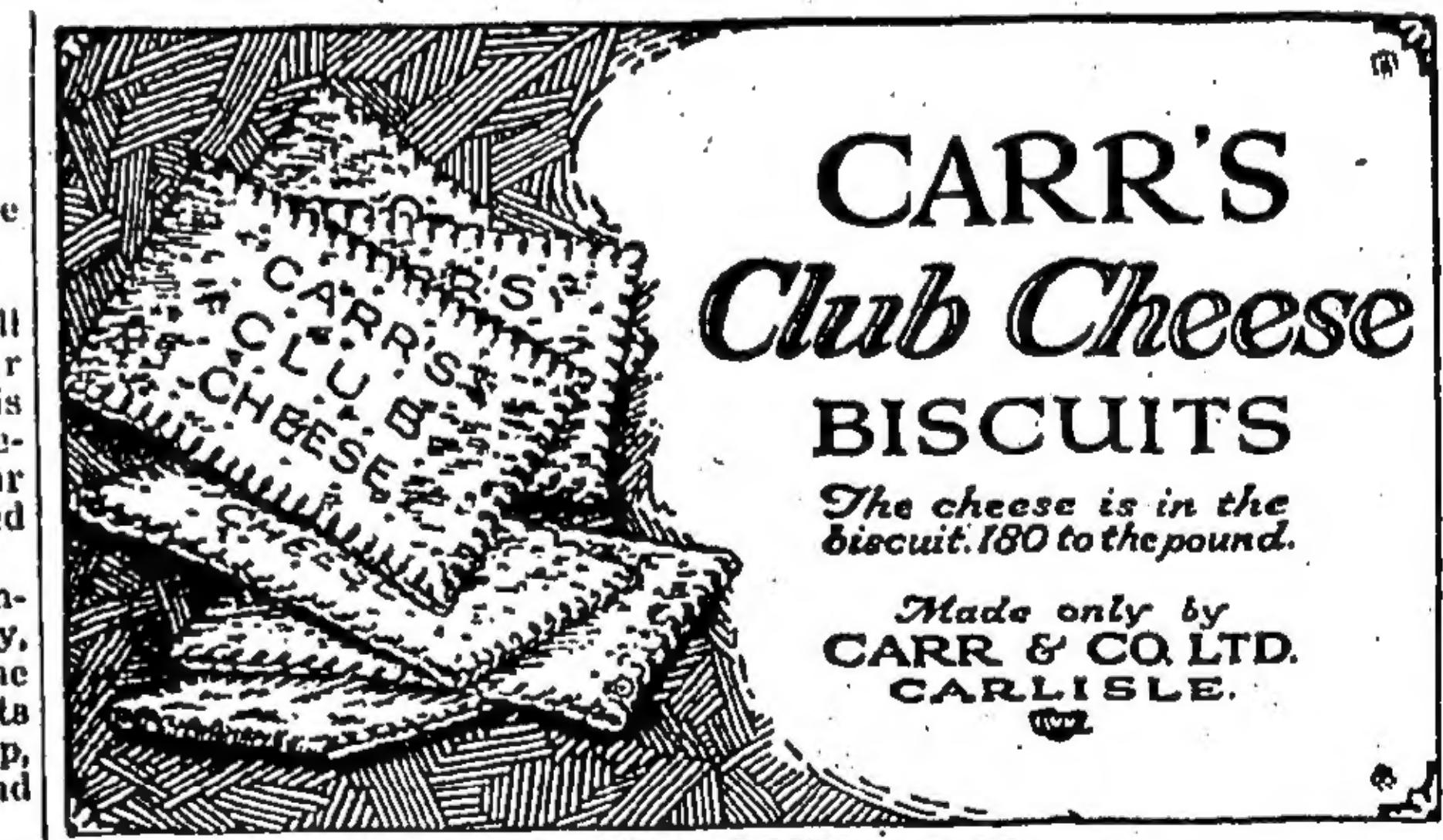
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TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

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Chartered Banks, \$114 n.
Mercantile Banks, \$18½ n.
East Asia, \$115 b.
Am. & O. Finance Corp., \$29 n.

Insurances.

Canton Ins., \$1,250 n.
Union Ins., \$470 b.
China Underwriters, \$4 b.
China Fires, \$590 n.
H.K. Fire Ins., \$1,195 n.

Shipping.

Douglas, \$26 b.
H. K. Steamboats, \$23 n.
Indo-Chinas, (Pref.) \$32 n.
Union Waterboats, \$19½ n.

Mining.

Benguet, \$13½ b.
Kulin, 22/6 n.
Shai Explorations, Tls. 2.10 n.
Rauba, \$38 b.

Docks, etc.

Kowloon Wharves, \$142½ n.
Whampoa Docks, \$20½ b.
South China Motors, \$10 n.
Providents, (old), \$4.90 b.
Hongkong, Tls. 220 n.
New Engineers Tls. 5½ n.
Shanghai Docks, Tls. 88 n.

Cottons.

Two Cottons, Tls. 1400 b.
Shanghai Cotton, Tls. 75 n.
Zoon Sings Tls. 11½ n.
Lands, Hotels, etc.

H. K. Hotels \$13.25 b. Cum Rts.
H. K. Hotels, Rts. \$2.60 n.
H. K. Lands, \$78 n.
Shai Lands, Tls. 25 n.
Humphreys, \$16.65/17 n.
Realities, \$11.75 b.

Asia Realities "A", \$160 n.
Asia Realities "B", \$30 n.

Public Utility.

Tramways, \$21.60 b.
Peak Trams, (old), \$15.50 n.
Star Ferries, \$90½ b.
China Lights, \$21.25 n.
H. K. Electrics, \$74 b.
Macao Electrics, \$24½ n.
Telephones, \$41 n.

Entertainments.

Peak Trams, (old), \$15.50 n.
Star Ferries, \$90½ b.
China Lights, \$21.25 n.

Constructions (old) \$6.75 n.

Constructions (new), \$1.85 n.

S. C. Enterprises \$10 n.

B. Ind. G. & Bonds, \$58½ n.

Loans, \$3½ b. Prem.

Amusements.

Amusements, \$22.25 b.

Entertainments (old) \$14.00 n.

Constructions (old) \$6.75 n.

Constructions (new), \$1.85 n.

S. C. Enterprises \$10 n.

B. Ind. G. & Bonds, \$58½ n.

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Stores, etc.

Dairy Farms, \$28.60 n.

Watsons, \$16 n.

Watsons Rights, \$3½ n.

Der A. Wings, \$1 n.

Lane, Crawfords, \$5.30 n.

Mackintosh, \$19 n.

Sinceres, \$16½ n.

Powells, \$9.65 n.

Miscellaneous.

Amusements, \$22.25 b.

Entertainments (old) \$14.00 n.

Constructions (old) \$6.75 n.

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**THESE BULLION
BROKERS.**

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if no better, than any of yourselves, and that it is unfair to put them in the same category as car bandits or racketeers.

Their Calling.

Now what is this calling of theirs, which seems such a mystery to the general public? They are termed Bill and Bullion Brokers, but in reality they only see a bill once in a blue moon, and if you were to ask any of them to quote for it, they would think you mad. It is the broker's business to find out each morning what the state of the exchange market is, and inform his merchant and banker clients. Thereafter he is supposed to know everything, from the drawing rate on Damascus to the course of the latest typhoon. But what worries and anxieties are concealed by that phrase "finding out what the market is!"

In an ideal market, every banker would say frankly, "I know what information you require" and then proceed to quote you his rates for various currencies and different deliveries—rates which would be firm and unalterable for at least five minutes. You would only have to say "Thank you."

There was an actual case where a banker in a place where rates were very stationary, used to sit back with his feet up, smoking a cigar and reading his correspondence. When the brokers came in, they found his buying rate chalked on the sole of his right foot and his selling rate on the left. When he wasn't a buyer, he dropped his right foot or crossed his legs, leaving only the selling rate visible. (Laughter). And vice versa if he wasn't a seller. But that was quite exceptional.

Finding Out the Rates.

In reality, you call on a banker knowing full well that you have got to use every form of artifice and subtlety to find out even a fraction of what he wants to do; you have got to try and pierce the sphinx-like mask of his poker face and hope that by some cunningly contrived question you will succeed in catching him unawares and forcing him to admit that he is rather a buyer than a seller. By great good fortune, you may get one of them to say that he will actually buy or sell at a certain rate, but if he has so far committed himself, he will probably qualify it at once by saying "provided the market doesn't get stronger or weaker" or "It depends on what turns up".

After calling on a dozen or so bankers and putting them through the third degree, you are still completely hazy as to the actual market, and when definitely asked what it is, you answer non-committally that it "ought to be so-and-so". That is why you see so many exchange brokers at a quarter to ten in the morning hailing one another in rickshaws and begging their competitors to tell them what the market is. Being very frank individuals, we promptly give our competitors what little information we have acquired—with suitable reservations—and carry on, feeling that we have done our good deed for the day.

Retirement of Bankers.

Most of the bankers are reluctant to tell you anything until they have found out what you are trying to do, and they only make their wants known when they think you are going to be of some use to them. It is, therefore, most unwise to be put off by a banker's statement that he is doing nothing. No banker ever does nothing. There are a thousand and one things he wants to do. But he won't tell you. That is the humiliation of the position.

Take my friend here, Mr. Kan Tong-po. When you ask him something he shakes his head solemnly and says "Very black! Very slack!" Whether he is referring to business or to the broker is not at all clear. (Laughter). You press him again and he says "See what happens?" What he wants to do will be revealed in due course—and them probably to one of your competitors. But you have got to keep on pegging away. He may suddenly like your face and give you an order.

What Makes the Market Move?
People have often asked me "Who decides on the rates?" "What is it that makes the market 1/4 at ten o'clock and 1/3-7/8 half an hour later?" "How does the fall actually take place?"

How does any fall in prices take place? It is a question of supply and demand. Usually in Hongkong there is neither supply nor demand, though occasionally someone buys £10 to send home to his wife. (Laughter). But theoretically, it works out like this—and I am speaking of the interbank market, which enables us to get such wonderful rates for our merchants:

A broker finds about six banks trying to buy sterling at 1/4 1/6 and only one selling at 1/4. He says to one of the buyers "You haven't an earthly chance of getting 1/16. There's only one seller at 1/4. Grab it while you can." So the rate of 1/4 is done. The other buyers hear about it and some say that they will buy at that rate too—no the market has become 1/16 easier. The lucky broker who put through the transaction has earned his brokerage, but he must be prepared to spend the rest of the day getting his pants kicked for the two disappointed buyers for not using his persuasion with them.

Practical Difficulties.

In practice, however, the market does not always stand still while a broker makes his rounds, weighing up buyers and sellers, and then puts through a transaction. When he approaches the solitary seller, he usually finds that the man has gone off selling. Even if he thinks he can rely on two or three sellers at 1/4, he may still be unable to connect business. Of course when he first gets an order to buy at a feasible rate, he will scurry from the manager's room in a state of high elation. It is in frenzied moments such as this that you have seen these fellows take a flying leap on to the pavement, jump in to a moving rickshaw, and dash across the traffic, looking like Ben Hur in a chariot race.

Entering the sanctum of the first seller he says "I can buy £5,000 at 1/4." But the banker regrets that he no longer has any cover. For all you know, he may have been quoting merely for fun. Undaunted, the broker rushes to the next seller and is told the same thing. He probably says to himself "Something wrong with my methods. I look too excited. I'm frightening them off."

So he slows down and saunters into the office of the remaining

seller, hoping to conceal his inward excitement. This time he doesn't shout "I can buy £5,000." He enquires cautiously, "Are you selling at 1/4?" Then where the banker says "Yes", he can seize a contract form and fill in his order. But the man doesn't say "Yes". He says "Shanghai's gone easier. I'm buying now." (Laughter).

So great is my sympathy for that broker that a lump comes in my throat, as I think of his bitter anguish and disappointment. Most galling of all is the fact that he must confess to his buyer that he has failed. Possibly, while he was sprinting, the business was done by another broker who used the telephone. But sometimes the market can rise or fall 1/8d. or more without any transactions being put through.

Discreet Enquiries.

To keep pace with the rates you have also got to try and find out what your competitors are doing in the interbank market. But though you see signs of activity right and left, you may not know in the least what it is all about. It may not be interbank business at all. A man can get just as hot and bothered over buying a draft for fifty pesos.

You therefore set out like a sleuth-hound to gain the desired knowledge. Some bankers just sit with their contracts before them, turned upside down, and defy your efforts at thought reading, with a bland smile on their faces. You won't get much help from those quarters. But some will reveal a transaction in confidence: some will talk quite naturally about what they have done; while others—a very small minority—will blurt it from the housetops. In the latter case a purchase of £10,000 becomes £30,000 in no time, by the mere process of rumour-mongering, and an hour later it will be reported that they have bought up the whole market.

Help From Brokers.

Or the whole, however, you will not glean as much as you would wish, in the course of this detective work; and the next step is to tackle your broker competitors, in the hope that one of them will be in an expansive or boastful mood. The offer of a cigarette, or the gift of a piece of chocolate, (Laughter) will sometimes work the oracle. Under the spell of your friendliness, the other fellow may confess to you that he has just done a quarter of a lac of yen or a wad of rupees. One of my friends can always be won over by telling him the latest

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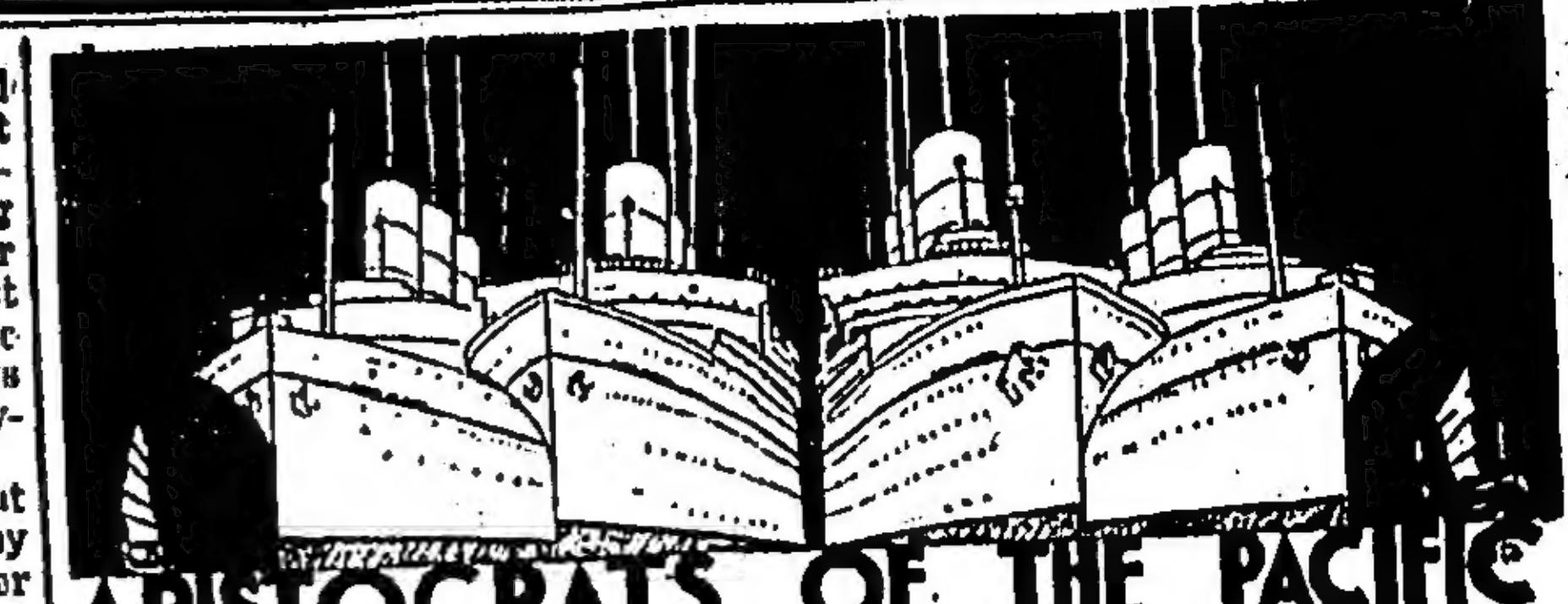
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after-dinner joke. When he has finished laughing, he is in such a good mood that he will tell you all he knows. Unfortunately it never amounts to very much. (Laughter).

Frustrated Hopes.

Well, gentleman, I could go on indefinitely but I shall be getting the bankers on my track. However, I hope that I have said enough to show that, like all of you, we have our worries, and that life with us is not one long rickshaw ride. Next time you hear a shouting in the street and are nearly knocked over by a bullion broker's coolies, do not vent your anger on him, even if he looks as though he owned the President Hoover. Think rather of his frustrated hopes and agony of mind, and remember that underneath that pretty buttonhole his heart may be as heavy as the silver market.

I do not suppose I shall address you again on this subject for the next fifteen or twenty years, but if I have dwelt to-day on the drawbacks of our profession, you may rest assured that next time I shall strike a more optimistic note. I shall be just thinking of retiring, and must get someone to buy my seat!—(Laughter and applause).

A Banker's View.

The speaker was fittingly thanked by Mr. Li Tse-fong, of the Bank of East Asia, who found a few things to say about bullion brokers. In the course of a brief but laughable address, Mr. Li remarked: As a bank manager I have to spend a lot of my time in interviewing brokers every morning, and many bankers consider that these interviews are a sheer waste of time.—(Laughter). I, myself, consider that, sometimes, they are rather useful, if not helpful, because when business is slack their coming in and going out all the time gives the appearance of great activity (laughter) and when business is brisk their views on music, piano (laughter), racing and golf give me great relief in the morning's routine work which has to be done as quickly as possible.

He continued: In my opinion, the lot of the broker is not at all an unhappy one, and if Mr. Bowes-Smith is thinking of selling his seat I can give him an offer.—(Applause). Subject to satisfactory arrangements, I am perfectly willing to change positions whenever he wishes it.—(Laughter and applause).

Magnificent Hospitality.

The Chairman: Before closing the meeting I would ask you to join with me in thanking the Dollar Steamship Company for their magnificent hospitality.—(Applause).

I also wish to thank the passengers who are non-Rotarians, on this ship, for having borne with us today. I didn't notice any raspberries coming towards the speaker but, as he said, there are no bananas, though I believe there were some in the fruit cellars.—(Laughter).

The Secretary was instructed to write a letter of thanks to the Company and the Captain.

The Next Meeting. In closing the meeting, the Chairman reminded members that next Tuesday's meeting would be held as usual, in Messrs. Lane Crawford's restaurant.

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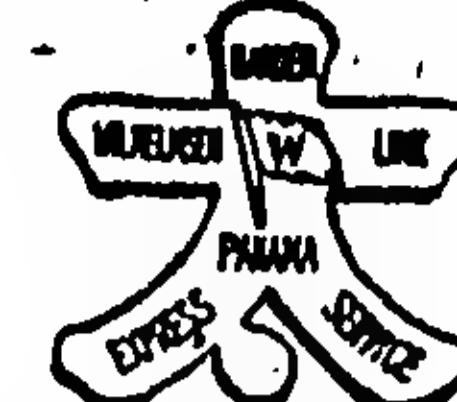
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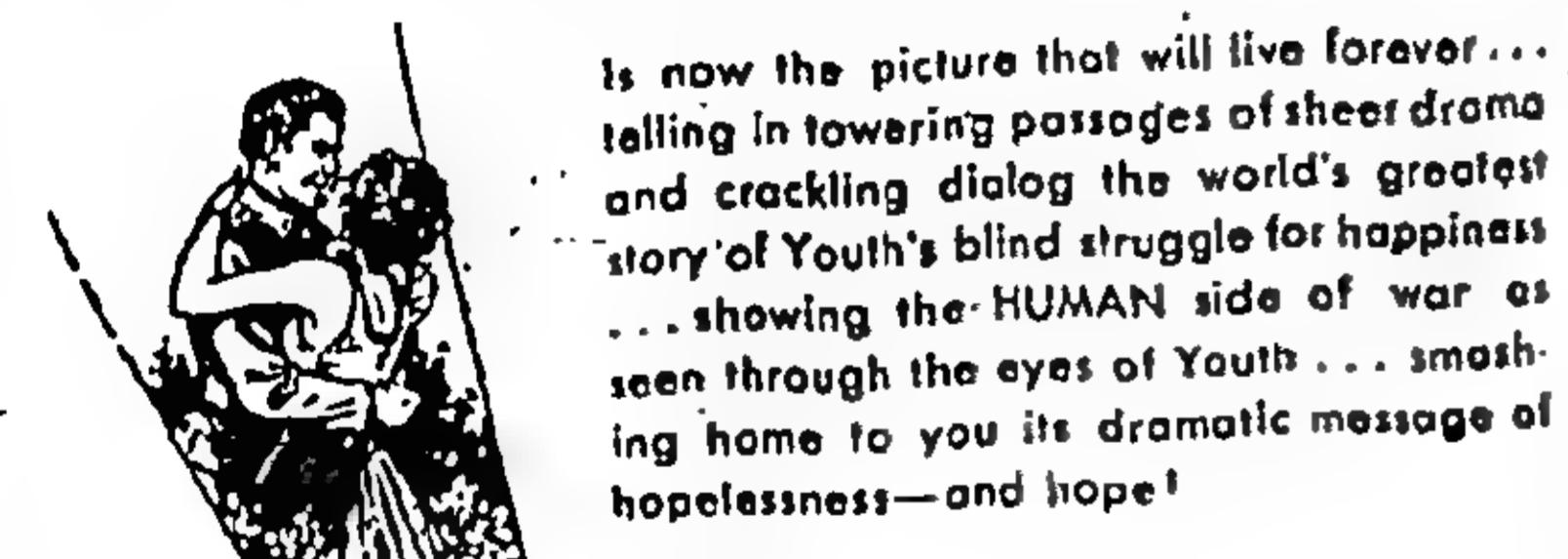


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NEW STATE AND DR. KOO.

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Tokyo, Apr. 12. Japan is unable to ask Manchukuo, the new State in Manchuria, to reverse its decision to refuse Dr. Wellington Koo's admission into Manchuria with the League Commission, as Japan has temporarily undertaken to see that peace and order are preserved in Manchuria, the Japanese Government has decided to tell the Commission that Japan will do everything possible to provide for Dr. Wellington Koo's entry if he accompanies the Commission.

A spokesman of the Government in announcing this decision emphasized that it is in Japan's interest to enable the Commission to study conditions on the spot, and as neither the League nor Japan has yet recognized the new Manchurian State, there is no question of disregarding Manchukuo's sovereignty if Japan in this way convinces Dr. Wellington Koo's entry into Manchuria.—Reuters.

Ban on Cereal Export.

Peking, Apr. 12. The Manchukuo is to have prohibited the export of cereals into China proper, and to have instructed the Peking-Mukden Railway not to carry such produce destined for places in China.—Reuters.

Ma Chan-shan Flees.

Peking, Apr. 12. Chinese reports published here allege that Gen. Ma Chan-shan, the famous hero of the Nen River fighting, has fled from Changchun, where he was recently appointed Minister for War, and is en route to Russia via Tcheliho. It is reported that most of Gen. Ma's troops have turned against the new regime.—Reuters.

A CAUSE CELEBRE.

A SPIRITUALIST SUES "DAILY MAIL."

London, Apr. 12. A spiritualist cause celebre in which Mrs. Meurig Morris is suing the *Daily Mail*, which challenged the genuineness of her alleged powers, is attracting enormous interest now that the case of the Rector of Stiffkey, the Rev. Davidson, is temporarily halted.

Lady Conan Doyle, the widow of the famous novelist, and like him a prominent spiritualist, expressed unqualified belief in Mrs. Morris's trance mediumship.

From the witness box in the High Court to-day she declared that the "guides" of herself and her husband foretold many distant events, notably two years ago when they predicted the present Sino-Japanese trouble.

MENINGITIS IN HONGKONG.

MR. LO'S QUESTIONS AT SANITARY BOARD.

Tokyo, Apr. 12. The percentage of deaths in the cases of meningitis reported in Hongkong is not abnormally high, declared the Medical Officer of Health, Dr. G. W. Pope, in answering questions asked by Mr. M. K. Lo at yesterday's meeting of the Sanitary Board.

In addition to several questions asked pursuant to notice, Mr. Lo asked further questions regarding other aspects of meningitis.

Mr. Lo's questions, and the answers by Dr. Pope were:

"In view of the prevalence of cerebral-spinal meningitis cases in the Colony, will the Head of the Sanitary Department obtain the necessary information and inform the Board as to—

"What is the total number of cases reported up to and including Monday, April 11?

Answer.—Sixty-three.

"What is the incubation period and what are the characteristic initial symptoms of the disease?

Answer.—The incubation period is unknown. It is probably not more than 10 days, usually stated to be four to five days, but the evidence on which estimate is based is inconclusive.

The initial symptoms are generally influenza in type, varying in severity with the severity of the attack. Headache of varying intensity is a constant feature.

Suffocating Serum.

"Whether there is a sufficient supply of anti-cerebral spinal meningitis serum in the Colony?"

Answer.—The Hon. Director of Medical and Sanitary Services informs me as follows:—"There is sufficient serum for 300 cases in stock at the Bacteriological Institute. More is being manufactured."

Supplementary questions asked by Mr. Lo were:

"As regards the serum in stock in Hongkong, is it prepared locally and how long does it retain its efficiency?

Dr. Pope replied:—"Yes. Indefinitely if kept under proper conditions."

Mr. Lo continued that he understood that the cases at Macao were less malignant than those in Hongkong, and asked if the cases already reported in Hongkong were of a malignant type.

"I am afraid I cannot give anything approaching an accurate answer to this question," replied Dr. Pope. "So far as I am aware, the case mortality is not abnormally high."

Lady Conan Doyle, the widow of the famous novelist, and like him a prominent spiritualist, expressed unqualified belief in Mrs. Morris's trance mediumship.

Another witness was Dr. Montagu Eder, an expert on nervous and mental diseases. He described Mrs. Morris's condition when she went into a trance during a medical examination in

masculine voices of the spirit views of "Father O'Keefe" and "Mr. Power". Dr. Eder described as perfectly sincere and honest.

Other witnesses included a woman mental expert and a doctor of philosophy.—Reuters's Special Service.

FATAL MOTOR ACCIDENT.

INQUEST INTO WOMAN'S DEATH.

The death of a coolie woman who was knocked down by a Fiat car, No. 3099, driven by Mr. C. E. Gahagan in Hennessy Road, Wan-chai on March 23, was the subject of an inquest held before Mr. Schofield at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon.

Mr. E. S. C. Brooks watched the proceedings in the interests of the driver concerned in the case.

Mr. Gahagan stated that at 4.15 on the afternoon in question he was proceeding eastward along Hennessy Road. When passing Canal Road East he noticed the woman, carrying two baskets of Shanghai plaster, crossing Hennessy Road diagonally, going from north to south.

He sounded his horn when 20 yards away. She turned towards the south side of the road, then turned again and ran to the north side. He could see that she was very excited, so he slowed down and swerved to the right when about four yards away from her. She turned round again, ran towards the south side of the road, and, before he had time to swerve clear, she was struck on the right hip by the bumper of the car. As he got out of the car, the victim was being assisted to the pavement by some Chinese. He telephoned for an ambulance from the Asiatic Motor Garage, and also reported the accident to the local district Station.

Accidental Death.

Dr. G. H. Thomas, Medical Officer at the Government Civil Hospital, stated that the woman died five minutes after admission, from shock and multiple injuries, including a ruptured spleen and broken ribs.

The Coroner asked if the post-mortem examination disclosed any definite indication of the woman having been run over, and witness replied that he found no such indication, although the injuries were consistent with the woman having been knocked down by a car.

According to a Chinese mechanic who was an eye witness the car was travelling at full speed and ran straight into the woman. He heard no horn sounded.

After hearing the evidence the jury, comprising Messrs. R. M. da Rocha (foreman), R. Darling and J. M. V. Remedios, returned a verdict of accidental death and attached no blame to the driver, who in their opinion, took every precaution to avoid an accident.

In associating himself with the verdict the Coroner expressed the sympathy of the Court and of the jury with the deceased's husband.

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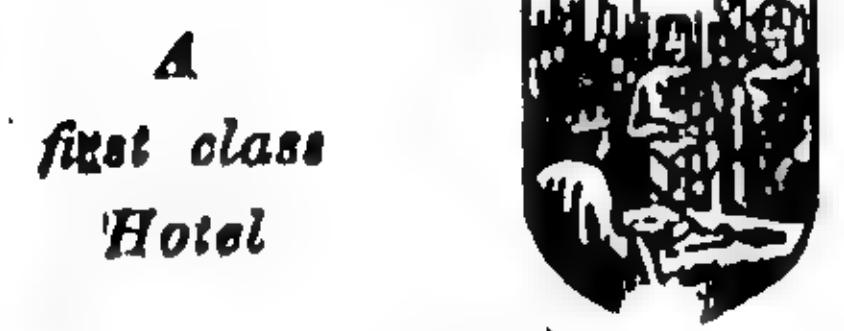
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CONTRACT BRIDGE.

By W. E. McKenney.

Secretary, American Bridge League.

In contract bridge, to arrive at the best declaration for the combined 26 cards, it is necessary for partners to exchange as much intelligent information as possible by sound bids—so as not to take a chance on losing game or over-bidding the hand.

When the original bidder's hand contains two and one-half high card tricks or better and a distribution assuring him that his hand will also take at least four or five tricks if played at the suit mentioned, he has three choices of bids:

1—He may make a minimum bid of one. While he may be taking a chance that his partner will pass short of game, partner should not pass when holding at least one and one-half tricks.

2—He may bid for game at once, but the risk here is very great as there may be two or three different declarations in the hand and the best declaration may not be the one he calls.

3—He may make a forcing bid which not only gives valuable information to partner but requires partner to keep the bidding open, thereby guaranteeing him another opportunity to bid.

The ordinary way to make a forcing bid is to bid one more of a suit than is necessary to hold the contract. The various types of forcing bids are as follows:

1—Any original bid of two in a suit requires that the bidding be kept open by partner until a game-going declaration is arrived at, therefore it should not be made if you are not willing to play the hand at game even though partner's hand may be trickless.

2—Overcalling partner's suit bid with another suit bid of one more than is necessary: e. g. partner bids one heart and you bid three diamonds. This also indicates a game-going hand and requires the bidding to be kept open until game is arrived at.

3—Overcalling opponent's suit with a higher bid of the same suit if partner had previously bid: e. g. your partner bids one heart, opponent bids two diamonds, and you bid three diamonds. This shows no losing cards in the opponent's suit, support in your partner's suit and slam possibilities. It further requires that the bidding shall be kept open until at least a game-going declaration is arrived at.

4—The one over one, which the writer advocates, is a take-out of partner's opening bid of one, with a bid of one in another suit: e. g. partner bids one heart and you bid one spade. This is the one-over-one and requires partner to keep the bidding open but it does not guarantee game and partner may pass on the next round. Supposing partner were now to bid one no trump. He would show a minimum four card heart suit opening bid. If you were to carry the bid to two spades, partner, holding no additional values, has a perfect right to pass.

The following bids are strong invitation bids but are not demand bids and partner may pass them:

1—A free bid of more than game: e.g. partner bids one heart and you bid five hearts. This is a strong invitation for a slam bid, but partner may pass it.

2—A jump re-bid in your own suit after partner has once denied it, or if he has passed: e. g. you bid one spade, partner passes or bids two hearts, and you now bid three spades. You strongly invite him to go to four, but he may pass.

No trump bids are at no time forcing bids.

THESE BULLION BROKERS.

MR. BOWES-SMITH GIVES
AMUSING ADDRESS.

ROTARY TALK.

Rotarians and guests found much to amuse them in a delightfully light address which was given by Mr. A. M. Bowes-Smith on the subject of "These Bullion Brokers" at yesterday's weekly luncheon of the Rotary Club, which was held on board the a.s. President Hoover, this being the first occasion when the meeting has been held on board a ship.

The Chairman (Sir William Hornell) welcomed the following guests—Rotarians, P. H. Stevenson, (Peking), Yinson Lee, (Shanghai), L. L. Goodman, (Singapore) B. Thorpe, (California), A. P. Drakeford, (Manila), Freider, (Manila), S. Frazer, (Manila), Gilleland, (Manila); and the following non-Rotarian guests—Mr. Douglas Jenkins, (Consul General for U.S.A. in Hongkong), Mr. F. Hinke (Consul for U.S.A., Canton), Mr. R. J. Bell, (British North Borneo), Captain T. W. H. Hosegood, Dr. Ernest To, Dr. Y. S. Wan, Dr. Bernardo de Sousa, Mr. P. G. Kerley, Mr. R. Sutherland, Mr. R. A. Greaves, and Mr. R. Cryan, (all of Hongkong).

The Chairman announced that on the occasion of Goethe's centenary, "Faust" will be presented under the auspices of the German Club at St. Paul's Girls' College on April 16.

Mr. Bowes-Smith said:—As a guest of the Rotary Club and the Dollar Steamship Company it gives me much pleasure to stand before you to-day, but as a bullion broker I do so with that diffidence which is such a characteristic of the members of my profession. (Laughter). Exchange brokers, as a body, so often stand up to be shot at in the press that when one of them rises in public, he half expects to be the target for banana skins and rotten apples.

Seeing, however, that we have no bananas to-day and that such a thing as a rotten apple has never been seen on a President boat, I hope that my remarks will be greeted with nothing more than an occasional raspberry. (Laughter).

Docile And Harmless.

There is no section of the community which is more maligned than the bullion brokers, unless it be the Broadcasting Committee, the civil servants and the inhabitants of Ice House Street. Yet a more docile and harmless lot of human beings it would be difficult to find.

Accused of almost every crime, from rigging the exchange market and robbing the public, down to exceeding the rickshaw speed limit, these mild-mannered gentlemen find it hard at times to hold up their heads and look their fellow citizens in the face. Even the sharebrokers look askance at them, as though they have deliberately engineered the rise in the dollar to depress the stock market.

In time they acquire a sort of inferiority complex, feeling that no matter how they present their case to the public no one will believe a word they say. As a matter of fact, I have never known an exchange broker tell an untruth. (Laughter).

Examples of Good Conduct.

Far from being undesirables, these gentlemen are singularly free from evil intentions and vice. Have you ever seen an exchange broker snatching a lady's handbag or trafficking in women and children? Have you ever known him cut his neighbour's aerial or appear in public improperly clad? Our was practically the only profession not included in the list of prominent residents, soldiers, lawyers and what-nots who recently expressed a desire to go about naked. (Laughter).

Actually, the exchange brokers set an example of good conduct and gallantry which it would be well for others to emulate. When they find the narrow thoroughfare of Ice House Street blocked by pedestrians, they frequently get

out of their rickshaws and proceed on foot to prevent the jobbers being jolted into the gutter. When they are waiting outside a bank manager's door, and a merchant or lawyer arrives on the scene, they invariably make way and say "After you, sir," even if they know that it will probably be twenty minutes before he comes out again. And when a lady stops one of them in the street and asks to be directed to the Peak Church or the Virgins' Retreat, he promptly leaves his job and goes safely en route to her destination. (Laughter).

These positive qualities are unfortunately not recognised sufficiently, and so it is that the fraternity of which I am a humble member comes in for a lot of misinformed criticism. I hope to prove to you in a few moments, gentlemen, that instead of doing critical, we deserve your sympathy for the many buffettings we receive in the execution of our duty.

Their Private Lives.

Consider, in the first place, what these brokers are like in private life. One of them plays the piano. I've always maintained that a man who plays the piano must have a streak of goodness in him somewhere. (Applause). He also writes letters to the newspapers: a harmless sort of lunacy which cannot lead him very far astray. Several of them play golf, which is another harmless sort of lunacy, and only leads them as far as Fanling. One of them spends his spare time frolicking on the beach; while my old friend Champkin has a weakness for Boy Scouts and anti-aircraft guns. Quiet, innocent enjoyments which they certainly deserve after the trials and tribulations of their daily task. I should, perhaps, admit that at least one of them is interested in the turf, but a man can even enjoy horse racing without being thoroughly dishonest.

I will not say any more about their private lives, for they are friends of mine. But I hope to have proved that they are no worse.

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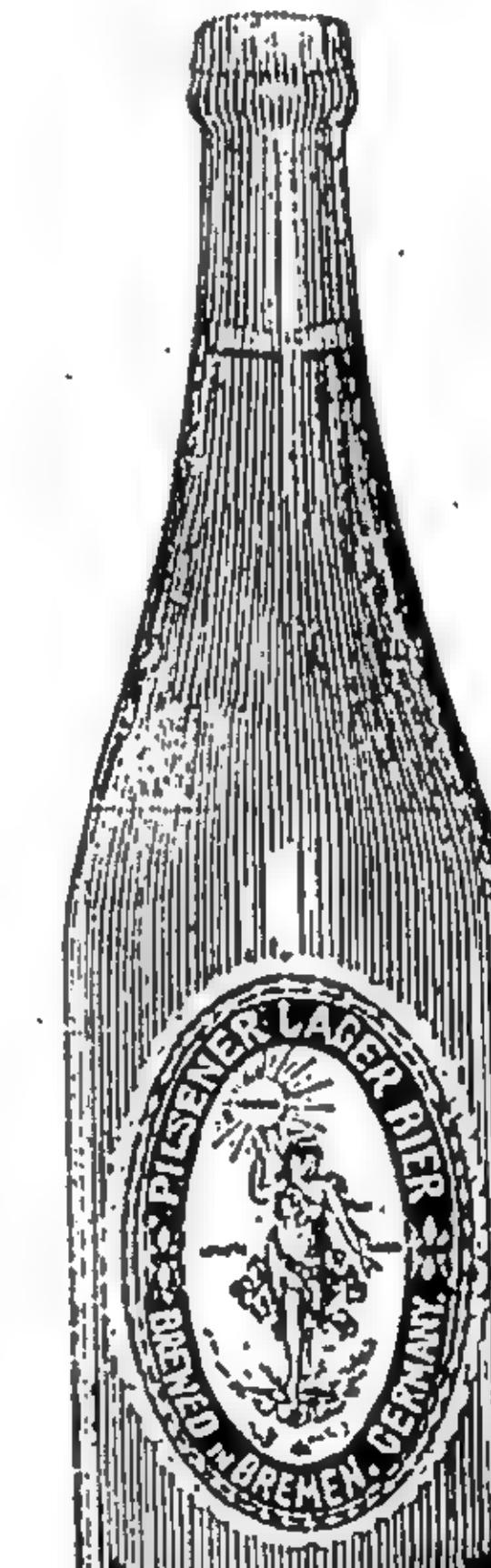
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Our photo shows the Schneider Trio, who delighted Hongkong music lovers with recitals a few months ago and are giving further performances this week and next. The first recital is to be given at the Helena May Institute this evening.

The dime-a-dance girl

BY JOAN CLAYTON

BEGIN HERE TO-DAY.

Beautiful Ellen Rositer, who works by day as a salesgirl in Barclay's Department Store, lives with her mother, Mrs. May, and her elder sister, Mabel, and her young brother, Mike. Responsible Molly has long ago squandered the fortune left by her English husband and the two girls support the family. Molly faithfully spends most of her time at the races, and works at night as a waitress until the sum is made up. She goes to Dreamland and interviews Jacob Salomon, who offers her a job on condition that she wears her own evening dress. She has no evening dress.

Steven Barclay, Ellen's employer, sees her crying and asks her to come to his office. When she tells him the situation, he offers to give her a dress and proudly refuses. He then lends her one of the dresses worn by the store models.

Ellen is half-pleased, half-frightened by Barclay's obvious interest in her. She arrives where he leaves her. Salomon introduces her to the other hostesses. Ellen hates the cheapness of Dreamland. Two of the hostesses, Tony and Anise, wait for her to dress.

CHAPTER V

Ellen sensed the antagonism of the two girls. She ignored it. They were staring at the ivory gown. Let them stare! Her own pleasure in the gown had evaporated. She neither knew nor cared how beautiful she looked in the soft ivory taffeta which swept the floor around her.

Tony, bright-eyed, small and brunnette, was barely covered by a wisp of chiffon which clearly revealed her breasts and young, unformed legs. Her sigh of admiration, a purely feminine sigh, turned swiftly to envy as feminine.

"The competition is going to be fierce to-night," she whispered loudly to her platinum-haired companion.

"Maybe she thinks she's going to be presented at Buckingham Palace," countered Anise, slipping her cigarette to the floor.

Tony chuckled gleefully.

"The queen herself," she giggled.

"And in a dress from Chantel or I'll eat my favourite lipstick."

The youngster jumped to her feet, ran across the room and before Ellen understood her purpose she had pulled down the back of the dress to examine the label.

"It is a Chantel," she confirmed in an awed tone. And to Ellen, "How come you wear a dress from Chantel to dance in a dump like this?"

Ellen felt like tearing off the dress and stamping on it. She was angry and humiliated. A good part of her anger was directed at herself. She should have known better than to select so unsuitable a costume merely because it was becoming. She had come to Dreamland to work—not to play. Play time was for girls who were protected and cared for—for girls who would have been scornfully amused at the notion of dancing at Dreamland to earn money for rent.

"Go away," she fiercely addressed Tony. "Go away and let me alone. And take your hands off my dress!"

"Aw, I, I'm sorry if I hurt your feelings," apologized Tony, with a contrite, distressed little laugh. "Honest I'm sorry. Don't be sore. I was only fooling. You look swell."

Her small face was puckered with earnestness. She slipped her brown hand into Ellen's hand and grinned up at her engagingly. Any one would have forgiven Tony in

Ellen forgave readily. She thought Tony a good-hearted youngster for all her defiant hardness, worth dozen of the languishing Anise.

Anise was still sulky and aggrieved when the three girls walked into the ballroom. But Tony had forgotten completely that she had ever been jealous of Ellen and was eagerly babbling out amazingly sophisticated advice and instructions.

The hostesses sat at empty tables, one girl to a table, and waited for men to ask them to dance. Most of the girls had regular patrons. Tony's instructions dealt in part with methods for "clinch regulars." These men would buy a whole string of tickets for the privilege of dancing with a particular girl for an hour or so. After each of the short dances—the fastest couples barely managed three turns of the room before the orchestra stopped—the girl would gravely detach one of the tickets from the long string proffered by her escort.

Ellen took a table close to Tony's. But Tony was gone almost immediately, away like a green flash in the arms of a tall youth. She made a very ugly face over her partner's shoulder to indicate to Ellen that she did not favour him.

Ellen sat alone for some time. The music, once she became accustomed to its loudness, made her want to dance. She was surprised to observe that for once in her life she was an undeniably wallflower. The large majority of the other tables were quickly evacuated. Still no one asked her to dance.

A great many of the men who stood around the walls watching the dancers or waiting their turn with Sunny or Anise or Tony or Maybelle glanced toward her, but no one approached. Ellen's very beauty and air cool aloofness intimidated them. At last a bold spirit sought out Salomon and came over for an introduction. As she acknowledged the introduction Ellen realized there were worse things than sitting alone at a table while others danced.

One of them was dancing with Joseph K. Landis. He was clumsy. He was crude. He held her so tightly that she could hardly breathe. He pressed his damp face against her cool cheek no matter how insistently she sought to avoid the juxtaposition. And all the time he bubbled in her ear inane compliments.

"Where've you been all my life, little one? You're home taking care of the kids? I thought so. A pretty little thing like you should have a better fate. Take me, for instance—go right ahead and take me. I'll see you don't get trampled in the rush."

"You're holding me too tightly," she said furiously.

"Naughty, naughty! You're not supposed to talk. I can hold you tighter than this. See."

He closed his arms around her, moved his face forward and kissed her squarely on the lips. Ellen struggled free, slapped him across the mouth and was off the floor and back at her table before Joseph

that mood, as Tony well knew.

Der Reichspräsident

Berlin, den 16. Februar 1932.

Ich erkläre hiermit, dass ich der Aufnahme meines Bildes in den "Wahlversuch Hindenburg" für die Reichspräsidentenwahl 1932 zustimme.

von Hindenburg

In this note President Paul von Hindenburg told the German electorate that he would stand for re-election as chief Executive of the Reich.

K. Landis thoroughly understood what had happened.

Jacob Salomon was very angry. He stood before Ellen's table, his feet wide apart, his arms outstretched, as he explained in detail how angry he was.

"I don't care if he did try to kiss you," he snapped. "That was no reason for socking him. You gotta treat patrons decent. Kid 'em along, give 'em good time. That's what you're here for, young woman."

Ellen was angry, too.

"I came here to dance," Mr. Salomon, not to be mauled," she retorted, her eyes flashing, her lips pale with anger. "He didn't try to kiss me. He did kiss me."

She got up from the table and began to say that Salomon could find another girl to take her place, one more amenable to his ideas, when she saw that there was a small disturbance near the door.

Three men had entered and were grouped near the ticket booth. The two in evening clothes plainly wished to leave but the third, the one in fannels, just as plainly wished to stay. Suddenly Ellen saw him detach himself from his companion and push his way toward the spot where she and Salomon stood. He came straight across the crowded floor, regardless of the dancers annoyed by his transit.

He asked her to dance. With that same strange feeling that all of this had been preordained, that all this was something that she would never forget, she stopped into his arms.

"Am I going crazy?" she thought. "A young man I've never seen before waltzes with me and I want to cry."

She fancied that she was trembling. She was sure that if she tried to speak she would find that she had lost her voice. The two tall beautiful young people were almost alone on the floor. They had not spoken since they started dancing. As effortlessly as shadows they drifted along to the measures of the lightly melancholy tune.

"I haven't any tickets," the young man spoke at last and abruptly. Absurdly he repeated, "I haven't any tickets."

He guided her to the ticket booth. Even as they reached the knot of perspiring men who were supplying themselves with fresh tickets, the dance was done. Ellen withdrew a few paces, embarrassed, shy, confused.

She was obsessed with a desire

to learn the name of the waltz the orchestra had played. As she waited for her partner nothing seemed to matter in the world save that she should know the name of that waltz. Without thinking what she was doing she thumped the violin player between the shoulder blades. He was tuning his instrument but he stopped to

Sho had the strangest feeling that she wanted to prolong the moment of waiting. She was like a child on Christmas morning hesitating at the stairway-head before plunging down to the glittering tree. She saw Salomon speak to the young man, saw the two turn toward her. Salomon introduced her and waited for the newcomer to supply his own name. Ellen, with her new and sharpened perceptions, felt that the young man hesitated as he said that he was Larry Smith. She could not be certain. She was certain that his eyes were grey, not blue.

The orchestra swung into a waltz. Most of the couples were flocking from the floor. Ellen saw them, heard them, even identified some of the girls; but all this served only as a dim and unreal background for the man who stood before her.

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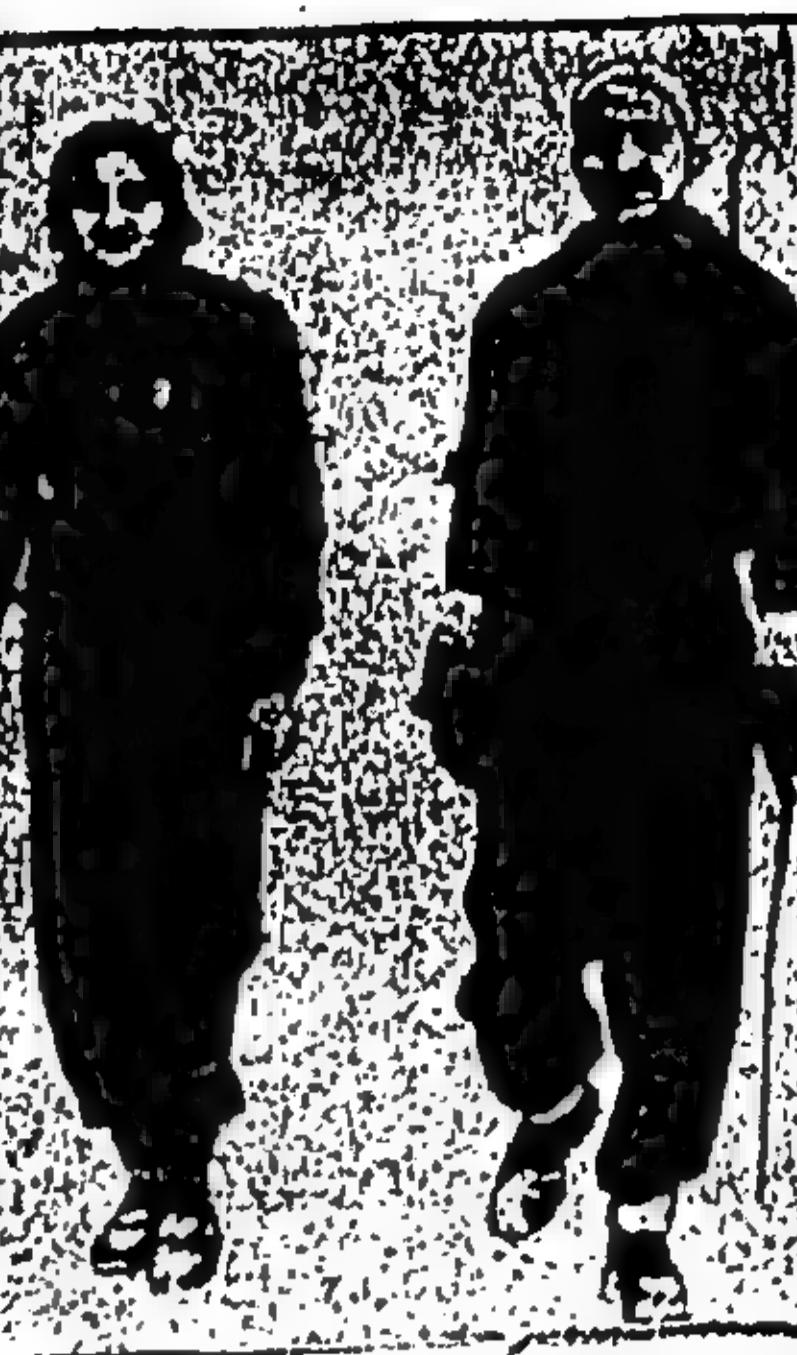
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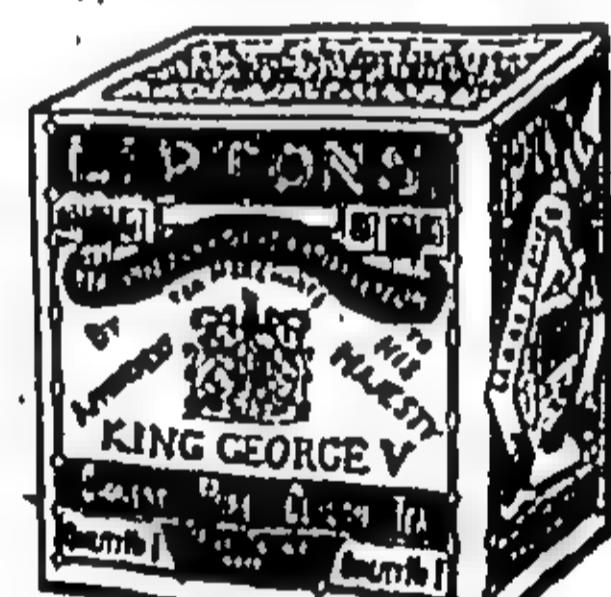
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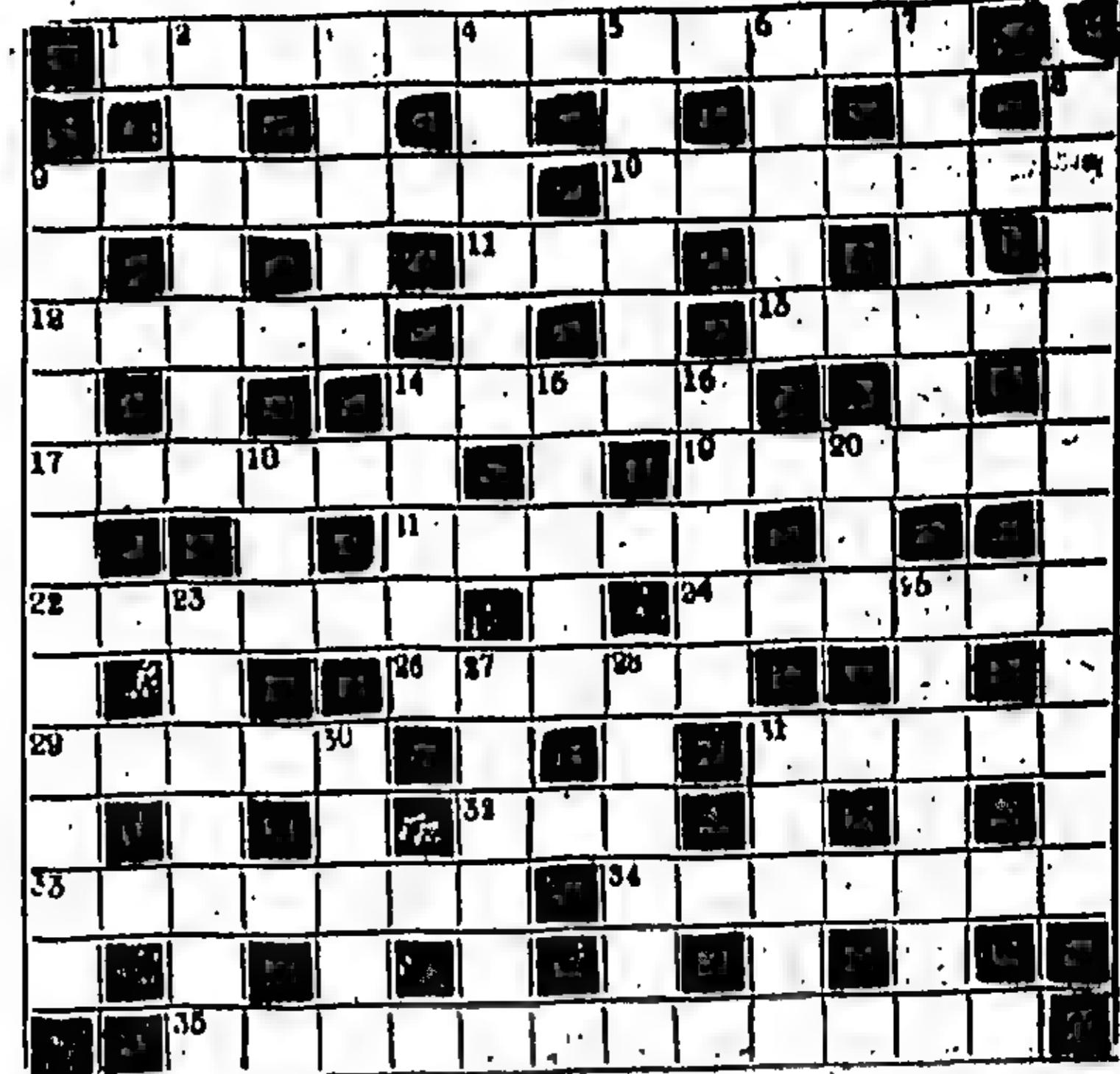
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Across

1 Tree burst ear (anag.)
7 "Do good by — and blush to find it famous" (Pop., "Epilogue to the Satires")
8 He who turns King's Evidence does
10 Private entrance made when the office is taken into the back part of the ship.
11 Soda in water, for instance.
12 Sent a telegram that finished a Bolshevik.
13 Leads a grinding life.
14 Indulge in a little well deserved repose after your century, as it is top.
15 Trial by this was abolished in 1218.
16 London suburb.
21 A shopkeeper who has lost all inspiration might still be useful for basket making.
22 Large Hindustani antelope.
24 Chinese boat frequently used as a residence.
25 Give them a little more for this subject.
26 Less than little, as in this.
27 There's a car at the corner; better secure it (hidden).
28 One of the Tribes of Israel.
29 Touching, but not to the point of tears.
30 The scene of many a pilgrimage in France.
31 Deal out again.

Down

2 You may take a high tone to begin with, but to be changed is the right thing.
3 Thoroughly fed up—or in bed.
4 This skate is not edible.
5 Poster (anag.).

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CROWN COLONY
PREFERENCES.

Contrary to earlier indications, it would appear that the Straits Settlements, like the Federated Malay States, intend embarking on a policy of Imperial Preference, but on a very restricted scale. The idea took concrete form at a meeting of the Legislative Council last week, when resolutions were brought forward approving the imposition of duties giving a preference to certain classes of imported goods made in Great Britain, Ireland, the British Dominions or any Malay State under British protection. The plan is the outcome of telegrams from the Secretary of State announcing the intention of the Imperial Government to inaugurate a policy of granting preference to products of British Colonies and Dependencies, and expressing the hope that those Colonies and Dependencies whose tariffs do not at present provide for preferential tariffs would review the position with a view to reciprocation of the policy of the Mother Country.

When we come to look into the matter, however, we find that the proposed preferences amount to very little indeed; they were described by the Government spokesman as "gesture of goodwill," and it is not intended that they should be regarded as revenue measures. The object, it was explained, is to provide an effective preference as the short tariff of the Colony permits. The plan is not a prelude to the introduction of a wider tariff, with preference for British goods, as only such articles as are at present liable to duties are affected. The policy of the Government always has been, and still is, to keep the list of dutiable articles within the narrowest limits, and no departure from this line of action which is now proposed. Even so, there is seemingly a fear that even in this limited form there may be an unfavourable reaction on the cost of living, as mention was made by the Government spokesman of readjustments which might later on be found necessary should such a development occur. There

are, however, some hopes felt that the new move may provide a stimulus to local industries, but that remains to be seen. Incidentally, during the course of the Council discussion, one of the Chinese members suggested that Ireland should be excluded from the list of countries to be granted preferences! His Excellency, however, smilingly replied that he could not accept this proposal.

Relatively harmless as the proposals appear to be, it is interesting to note that the Council was in no mood to give its consent offhand. One of the Unofficial members declared that three days' notice of such a drastic change in the 100 years' old policy of the Colony was totally insufficient, and, on his suggestion, the question was deferred for later consideration. Like Hongkong, the Straits Settlements have a very restricted list of dutiable articles, and all the duties are imposed for purely revenue purposes. It will thus be seen that the proposed preferences are in reality of small importance. They may to some extent affect revenue; in any case, they will complicate the situation. In all the circumstances, however, desirable it may be to stimulate British trade, the innovation scarcely seems worth while. No question of Hongkong joining in the movement has yet been brought forward, and it is difficult to see what advantage either this Colony or the Imperial Government would derive from a departure from established custom. Hongkong's best asset is, without question, its free-port status.

Charged before the Hon. Comdr. Hole, at the Marine Court this morning, with having used his boat for the purpose of conveying prostitutes within the limits of the harbour, a boatman was convicted and fined \$50, or six weeks' imprisonment.

The Times, writing in praise of Melba's voice, recently caused its readers a mild degree of perturbation by remarking, "There was more to Melba than that." This was not the first occasion in recent years on which the most august of the London dailies has admitted a slang word or phrase into its columns, showing how greatly the standards of correct speech have become relaxed since the days when Dr. Johnson described "clever" as a "low" word, and "stingy" as "low cant." It is, on the whole, a satisfactory thing that the English language should from time to time replenish and revivify itself by drawing on the treasures of popular and unlearned speech, of which slang forms no inconsiderable portion. In this way, too, fine and valuable words are preserved in common usage which otherwise would be lost. In the eighteenth century, for example, the term "car" was comparatively rarely employed, and seemed in danger of vanishing from the language. It would not doubt have done so, had it not survived in the popular speech of Scotland, Ireland, and Devon. It was entirely owing to the locations of unlearned countrymen that this term was preserved in English, and thus kept ready for the day when the invention of mechanical transport made it universal and indispensable. Popular speech not only preserves the resources of a language, but adds to them. The slang of a year ago either is forgotten or is the standard English of to-day. Such useful words as nang, pat, fad, and fun were once only slang expressions. And four slang words, lunch, snob, coke, and tram, have proved their worth so triumphantly that they have gained a place not only in reputable English, but in foreign languages as well. Let us therefore beware of despising slang merely as the language of those unable to speak standard English. Emphatically, there is more to slang than that.

SUGAR MARKET.

THE LATEST CABLED
QUOTATIONS.

The following cable at the close of the sugar market yesterday has been received by Messrs. Pen-treath and Co.

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DAY BY DAY

"WHAT IS" COUNTS FOR VERY
LITTLE EVERY TIME YOU REFLECT
THAT "WHAT IS" REPRESENTS THE
CAUSE OF "WHAT SHALL BE!"—
Fouche.Mr. J. Kelleher arrived by the
Chango yesterday to join the staff of the
South China Morning Post.The Hon. Treasurer of the S. P. C.
A. acknowledges with thanks a donation
of \$10 from Mr. R. A. D. Forrest
in memory of the late Mr. M. Munck.Amongst the passengers who left
by the Blue Funnel liner Patroclus to-
day were Mr. and Mrs. H. Owen
Hughes, Mr. R. Sutherland, Mr. L.
Guy, Mr. J. Thayer, Mr. B. E. Fieder
and Mr. J. B. Lanyon.Admitting a charge of having failed
to stop when called upon to do so by
a police officer, a boatman was
fined \$20 or two weeks' imprisonment
by the Hon. Comdr. Hole, at the Mar-
ine Court this morning.The lecture by the Rev. Erris C. H.
Tribbeck on Ibsen's Peer Gynt, which
was to have been given in the Sailor's
and Soldiers' Home this evening, at
8:30 p.m., has been postponed on
account of the prevailing epidemic.Mr. P. G. Barrand will deliver a
paper on "The Ljungstrom Steam
Turbine" in the premises of the Insti-
tution of Engineers & Shipbuilders
of Hongkong, on Thursday, April 14,
at 6:30 p.m. The lecture will be illus-
trated by lantern slides.Charged before the Hon. Comdr.
Hole, at the Marine Court this morning,
with having used his boat for
the purpose of conveying prostitutes
within the limits of the harbour, a
boatman was convicted and fined \$50,
or six weeks' imprisonment.Mr. T. G. Stokes, of the Kowloon-
Canton Railway, reported to the police
yesterday that whilst driving his
motor car at the Star Ferry Wharf,
Kowloon, at 10:30 a.m., an eight-year-
old Chinese girl ran out from under
the shelter of the wharf and was
knocked down, receiving injuries to
her face.Those who have not yet seen "Palmy
Days," not showing at the King's
Theatre, should make a point of doing
so before the attraction concludes its
run. This bright and sprightly film,
produced on lavish lines, is running
until Saturday. It is extremely good
entertainment, showing Eddie Cantor
at his best, and provides chame-
goers with a picture distinctly above
the average run.At the annual meeting of the St.
Andrew's Branch of the Victoria
Diocesan and Missionary Association,
to be held in St. Andrew's Church
Hall, Kowloon, at 9 p.m. to-morrow
(Thursday), Dr. M. O. Pfister is giving
a lecture, illustrated by lantern views,
on a trip through Yunnan to the
Sacred Mountain of Omi. There is no
charge for admission and the meeting
is open to any who wish to come.
There will be a retiring collection in
aid of the funds of the V.D.M.A.At yesterday's meeting of the
Sanitary Board, Mr. G. R. Sayer
(Chairman) declared that he regretted
the loss of the services of Mr. T.
N. Chau but congratulated Mr. M.
Lo on his appointment to Mr.
Chau's position. Those present at
the Board meeting were Mr. Sayer,
Hon. Mr. Harold T. Creasy (Vice-
Chairman), Dr. G. W. Pope, Mr. M.
K. Lo, Mr. F. C. Hall, Dr. R. A. do
Castro Basto, Mr. L. C. F. Bellamy
and Mr. J. H. Gelling (Secretary).Perhaps that amazing aberration
of a great intellect, "La Garconne,"
really started the muck-writers
here upon their unbridled way.
They began to "try it on," and
were astonished by the liberty per-
mitted to them. Words and phrases

one pitied.

Those Helens of Troy.

they would never dare to use before decent women were interjected
freely into their stories. They sought their types in Chelsea
studios (though many a Chelsea
studio would quickly throw them to
the gutter), and the poultry yard
was a second home to them.Of tales to tell they had none.
Of that romance "which holdeth
children from play and old men
from the chimney corner," as Sir
Philip Sidney wrote, they were
ever ignorant. "Abandon
decency all ye who enter here"
might well have been the slogan
written on their door-posts. They
were possessed neither of shame
nor sense.

Hardy's Opinion.

The year before Thomas Hardy
died I had a long talk with him
about the English novel and its
modern tendency.What seemed to perplex that
great writer more than anything
else was the great lack of invention
among the modern school."When you and I began to write,"
he said—I was properly proud of
his comprehensiveness—"we had to
find a beginning, a middle, and an
end to our stories. Nowadays, the
books I read begin in the middle
and have no end."It was very true—and I cannot
help but wonder what Hardy would
have said could he have read some
of our latest fiction and learnt that
it had been published with impunity.Sometimes I hear it urged, and
with little justice, that women are
chiefly responsible for these out-
rageous screeds. *Punch*, it is true,
showed us an old gentleman hand-
ing a modern novel to his wife and
saying that it was very good but
that their daughter must not read it.
"Too late," said the mother,
"she wrote it."

No Stories to Tell.

In the main, though there have
been and are unpleasant exceptions,
this class of book is the work of
men whose presenting of Art and
Art's necessities merely disgusts.
They have no stories to tell, and so
they go to the sewers. The police
rarely interfere with them, and the
booksellers tell you that they must
sell something.How much we and they owed to
that gifted storyteller who is gone
—Edgar Wallace, the giant among
us!WE HAVE TOO
MANY POSERS.By ST. VINCENT
TROUBRIDGE.WE all know them, only too well
—the posers! They are the
men and women who devote a sub-
stantial portion of their brains and
energy to presenting to the world a
picture of themselves which is not
based upon reality. Once the poser
has bitten them, the virtues and
qualities which they do possess
count as nothing in their sight.Men who headed the rush to pay
their taxes in advance will insist
upon being regarded as serious
rivals to Bobby Jones in spite of
their lamentable week-end perfor-
mances on the links. Women will
cast away the fame of being ideal
wives and mothers to preen them-
selves as tearing beauties in spite
of the clearest looking-glass evi-
dence to the contrary.

Those Helens of Troy.

This latter, which one may term
the Helen of Troy pose, is quite sur-
prisingly common. Because the
mysterious forces of sex-appeal can
sometimes dispense with beauty of
feature, numerous women go
through life in the profound con-
viction that their faces could launch
a thousand ships. This conviction
they maintain in the face of all
opposition, even the opposition of
Nature herself.The sporting pose is prevalent,
too, though perhaps more difficult
to sustain than many of the others.
The continued assumption of golf-
ing prowess, for instance, is very
apt to be met by a definite chal-
lenge, while the thruster in the
club or office hunting field also runs
considerable danger of being con-
fronted with a live horse and a real
pack of hounds.But it is in the field of music
that posing and affectations of all
kinds reach their supreme achievements.
It is so dead easy. All
that is required is to half close the
eyes, assume an expression known
to the nursery as "a dying duck in
a thunderstorm," and the trick is
done. Add occasional exclamations
of rapture, and you will pass for a
musical connoisseur without the
necessity for displaying any other
knowledge of the difference between
the saving of kings and the popping
of weasels.Does posing pay? How far do
the posers deceive the world at
large? How far do they deceive
(Continued on Page 8.)

SIR MAX PEMBERTON on

NASTY NOVELS.

PRINCE GEORGE has been
talking to the Book Trade
Provident Society about the novel,
and all who seek what is best in
fiction are his debtors for the
words.Incidentally, the Prince made
some admissions. He told us that
he reads dozens of novels, "many
of which should have been oper-
ated upon for gangrene at a point
approximately two-thirds of the
way through."

Absolute Licence.

The misfortune of these words
is that they are wholly true.
Nothing, I am convinced, has so
astonished the average citizen as
the absolute licence permitted to
the novelist during the last decade.
While the theatre may still be
visited by the police for an inde-
cency: while American film pro-
ducers dance a fandango in the
outer halls of adultery, the novel
boldly takes the plunge and
defies all authority."Prosecute me," he says in
effect, "and you will make my for-
tune. Stop my book because it
deals with unnatural offences, and
the bookshops of the Continent
will rejoice. Indeed, they will
offer the volume beneath the flaming
plaque, 'Banned in Eng-
land.' Raking the Ashes.So the garbage is cultivated
with impunity. Long-haired people
with vanishing voices tell us
that is art. Beclashed maidens of
ripe age and weight protest that
we must write of "life as it is."
The mirror among these sects is
not held up to Nature; it is held
down. The ashes of the mother
hell are turned with lanterns and
with muck-ram; and everywhere
there is the reeking odour that
there is.Let it be said that nobody would
seek to re-establish the sickly
hypocrisy of the Victorian Age, nor
to revive the Richardson-Fielding
controversy of the 18th century.
Our grandfathers believed (in
fiction) that no woman lacked
virtue, and that if the Devil did
not catch the sinner in the last
chapter the book was evil. The
18th century wrangled over "Tom
Jones," and clever Lady Mary
Montagu had to inscribe her copy
"Ne Plus Ultra" before she per-
suaded her friends to read it.
Parents, nevertheless, continued to
put their copies under the bed and
persons to denounce it. Yet
Thackeray, in his preface to "Pen-
dennis," described it as the greatest
picture of "a man" he had met
with. If this were so in England,
France, that land of just freedom
in literature, also had her troubles.

Flaubert and Zola.

One of the world's greatest
novels, Flaubert's "Madame Bo-
vary," was violently assailed by
priests and puritans, and its master-
piece author brought to trial at
Rouen. Great poets and thinkers
went from Paris to Normandy to
defend a genius and succeeded.
Later on there came the hubbub
about Zola's "La Terre"—a nasty
book, which sent an English transla-
tor to prison and brought forth
champions of the cesspool whom
one pitied.Perhaps that amazing aberration
of a great intellect, "La Garconne,"
really started the muck-writers
here upon their unbridled way.
They began to "try it on," and
were astonished by the liberty per-
mitted to them. Words and phrases

GENEVA HUMS.

THREE GATHERINGS IN SESSION.

TARDIEU STARRED.

Geneva, Apr. 12. Simultaneous work by the League Council, the International Labour Conference and the World Disarmament Conference, made Geneva a hive of international activity to-day.

Chief interest centred upon M. Tardieu's proposal to adjourn the Council's decision upon the League's Financial Commission's Report on the Danube State until May.

M. Tardieu made this suggestion in view of the fact that the four principal Powers have appointed experts to conduct a technical examination of the Danubian economic problem.

After Sir John Simon, Signor Grandu and Dr. von Buelow had drawn attention to the urgency of the matter, M. Tardieu's proposal was adopted.

International Army.

The French Premier was also prominent at the Disarmament Conference, where, in a stirring speech, he reiterated France's plan for an international military force and emphasised the interdependence of the French proposals for the suppression of aggressive aims.—*Reuters*.

London, April 12.

It is expected that the Prime Minister will leave London tomorrow week for Geneva to attend the Disarmament Conference.—*British Wireless*.

AN AFTER-DINNER MUSICALE.

BRIGHT PROGRAMME FOR FRIDAY.

A most entertaining programme has been drawn up for the after-dinner musical to be held at the Helena May Institute on Friday night at 9 o'clock, including, as it does, the Colony's best concert salent, the entertainment should be varied and attractive, and should cater for all tastes.

One of the features of the programme will be the appearance—the last in Hongkong—of the glee singers from H.M.S. Medway, who in their performances here have proved themselves a highly delightful combination, with an extensive repertoire of well-known numbers. Variety will be added by an instrumental trio, comprising Mrs. G. Griggs, Mrs. M. H. Arnold and Mr. E. Schroter, and Mr. F. V. Whitta in some of his imitative monologues.

Among the popular vocalists who will give numbers are Mrs. M. Portallion, Mr. P. St. A. Sharpen, Mr. W. H. Bailey and Mr. G. F. d'Aquino.

COMPANY MEETING.

SPECIAL RESOLUTION CONFIRMED.

Shareholders of the China Entertainment and Land Investment Co. Ltd., this morning unanimously confirmed the special resolution agreed to at a meeting on March 23. In the absence of the Hon. Sir Shou-son Chow, Hon. Dr. S. W. Tso was chairman.

Dr. Tso moved that the following resolution be confirmed: "That there shall be added to Article 71 of the Articles of Association of the Company the words: 'but the Chairman shall receive double remuneration.'" Mr. P. M. Hodgson seconded, the resolution was agreed to.

Directors present were the Hon. Dr. S. W. Tso, Mr. Liang Chi-hao, Li Jowson and Chang Kwai-lin. Shareholders in attendance were Messrs. P. M. Hodgson, Chow Tung-sun and Dr. Edward J. W. Sun.

CHAPAI "REGIME."

ENDED BY ORDER OF THE JAPANESE.

Shanghai, Apr. 12. The "Chapai" puppet government, alleged to have been set up early this month with Japanese backing, has been closed down.

A Japanese communiqué states that the Japanese authorities have caused the association to close its offices on the ground that its activities were found to be against public interests.—*Reuters*.

A workman engaged on board the *Wuchow* at the Taikoo Docks, last night, received a fractured left leg when he accidentally fell into the No. 2 hold. He also sustained a scalp wound and was removed to the Government hospital for treatment.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Hongkong Women.

[To the Editor, *Hongkong Telegraph*.]

Sir,—Your correspondent "Homo" says that the nursing sisters out here "have none of the home life in which other emigrants usually find compensation." How many of those Hongkong women whom he censured in his first letter have homes? A half-share in a Hotel bedroom is not a home. The drift from one ill-planned, Jerry-built flat to another, which is the fate of many Hongkong women, makes home life impossible. Very, very few men can stand the discomfiture of paternity under such conditions, and probably the easiest way of escape from a nagging husband is to go and play bridge or dance with somebody else while amah keeps the child quiet.

Many women consider that motherhood under such conditions is an impossibility and remain single or childless. Most of these manage to work off their energy in useful interests, but few develop that thirst for excitement which "Homo" so deplores.

"Homo" seems to think that these women are inferior to their grandmothers, but he forgets that forty years ago the normal family budget allowed less than ten per cent. of the family income for rent. If that ratio to income could be restored, real home life would be a possibility, and the Female of the Species would fade out.

Mr. Kipling, when he paraphrased the words of Azur, the son of Jukut, put it all into two lines:

An odious woman married
May bear a babe and amend.
I enclose my card, and remain—
Yours etc.

X. Q. Y.

Macao Explosion.

Sir,—I feel very grateful to Messrs. de Gray and Costa for their sympathetic interest towards the sufferers of last year's explosion.

But one thing, Sir, I should like to know whether the Macao Government has given any pension to the widow of the victims (Chinese, not the Macanese).—Yours, etc.

OON SECK-AAANG.

DE VALERA TO RECONSIDER.

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those who cannot adjust their minds to the facts. The only thing, in fact, which binds the Commonwealth together is allegiance to the Crown. Dr. Valera is writing to the wrong address. He thinks he is trying to break a link England. He is, in fact, threatening to break the bonds of the Empire, which bind Irishmen in Canada, Australia, South Africa and New Zealand to Ireland itself".

Statute of Westminster.

The *Evening News* refer to the already expressed concern of Australia, New Zealand and South Africa at the possible consequences of de Valera's meditated action and say he will probably be further reminded by them that the Free State helped to frame the Statute of Westminster, in which it is laid down that the Crown in the symbol of the free association of the members of the British Commonwealth of Nations and they are united by a common allegiance to the Crown.

The *News* adds that all over the Empire the hope will be that the Ireland which accepted the invitation to the Imperial Economic Conference at Ottawa will not go there with the intention of tearing itself out of the family and so becoming no longer entitled to the many and growing boons which membership of the British Commonwealth confers.—*Reuters* and *British Wireless*.

LICENCE TERMS INFRINGED.

MAN WHO RAN TWO BUSINESSES.

For a breach of a condition governing the grant of his food licence, in that he sub-let or used part of his premises for a business other than that for which the licence was granted, without the special permission of the Head of the Sanitary Department, Lo Chung, proprietor of an eating house at 282, Hennessy Road, was fined \$10 by Mr. Schofield at the Central Magistracy to-day.

The prosecution stated that defendant was carrying on a dual business, having established a carpenter's business on the premises in addition to that of an eating house.

Defendant pleaded that he was doing the best he could to meet the high rent he was paying. In imposing the fine, Mr. Schofield also made an order for the removal of the carpenter's business within a week.—*Reuters*.

SCHNEIDER TRIO.

GREAT THREAT FOR HONGKONG.

It is to be hoped that there will be a large attendance at the Helena May Institute to-night, when the world-famous Schneider Trio will give the first of two recitals, the other being on Wednesday, 20th instant. A feast of really beautiful music is assured by these noted instrumentalists.

This is a wonderful opportunity for real lovers of music, and also an opportunity to demonstrate that the claim that Hongkong has not a music-loving community is not true. The Schneider Trio have travelled all over the Far East. In the Dutch Indies, in the Philippines, in Shanghai and in Tokyo they had a most enthusiastic reception.

The Musicians.

Prof. Baron Anatol Vitinghoff-Schell (Piano and clavicembalo), invented the "Chromatophor" and is a distinguished composer. Brilliant, captivating technique and musical capacities are the chief qualities of this excellent pianist. Through his exquisite touch predestined to be a clavicembalo player, he knows how to draw the beautiful tones from this wonderful instrument that give us the illusion of the strains of olden times.

Remja Waschitz (violin), is a pupil of the celebrated French violinist Lucien Capet. He played for years in leading German orchestras; later he appeared as a soloist and chamber musician at Paris and Berlin. His playing shows the qualities of German discipline and purity, refined by Romanic elegance and spirit. His extraordinary ear for music and his superior technique enable him to do justice to the style of every epoch.

Prof. Wolfgang Schneider, (violincello) is the founder of this Trio, pupil of Professor Hugo Becker of the Berlin Conservatory of Music. His mobility, his splendid taste and his intellectual adaptability give his rendition an exceptionally fine shading of sound. His extensive knowledge of literature and concert requirements during extended travel throughout the world, an extraordinary feeling for style, combined with exquisite taste, always make his concerts an outstanding event for the public. The title of Professor was conferred on him by the President of the Austrian Republic.

The remarkable qualities of these three artists— their perfect co-ordination— create a marvel of complete unity. Whether they play trio of the classical, romantic and modern school or Baroque music with clavicembalo, always the audience is impressed with the perfect reproduction of the compositions performed.

NEW STATE AND DR. KOO.

JAPAN'S ATTITUDE NOW DEFINED.

Tokyo, Apr. 12. Japan is unable to ask Manchukuo, the new State in Manchuria, to reverse its decision to refuse Dr. Wellington Koo's admission into Manchuria with the League Commission, but as Japan has temporarily undertaken to see that peace and order are preserved in Manchuria, the Japanese Government has decided to tell the Commission that Japan will do everything possible to provide for Dr. Wellington Koo's entry if he accompanies the Commission.

A spokesman of the Government in announcing this decision emphasized that it is in Japan's interest to enable the Commission to study conditions on the spot, and as neither the League nor Japan has yet recognized the new Manchurian State, there is no question of disregarding Manchukuo's sovereignty if Japan in this way connives at Dr. Wellington Koo's entry into Manchuria.—*Reuters*.

Batt on Cereal Export.

Peking, Apr. 12. The Manchukuo is reported to have prohibited the export of cereals into China proper, and to have instructed the Peking-Mukden Railway not to carry such produce destined for places in China.—*Reuters*.

Ma Chuan-shan Flees.

Peking, Apr. 12. Chinese reports published here allege that Gen. Ma Chuan-shan, the famous hero of the Nonni River fighting, has fled from Changchun, where he was recently appointed Minister for War, and is en route to Russia via Tientsin. It is reported that most of Gen. Ma's troops have turned against the new regime.—*Reuters*.

A CAUSE CELEBRE.

A SPIRITUALIST SUES "DAILY MAIL."

London, Apr. 12. A spiritualist cause celebre in which Mrs. Meurig Morris is suing the *Daily Mail*, which challenged the genuineness of her alleged powers, is attracting enormous interest now that the case of the Rector of Stiffkey, the Rev. Davidson, is temporarily halted.

Lady Conin Doyle, the widow of the famous novelist, and like him a prominent spiritualist, expressed unqualified belief in Mrs. Morris's trance mediumship.

From the witness box in the High Court to-day she declared that the "guides" of herself and her husband foretold many distant events, notably two years ago when they predicted the present Sino-Japanese trouble.

Lady Conan Doyle was closely questioned by Mr. Justice McCardie on her spiritualistic theories.

Another witness was Dr. Montagu Eder, an expert on nervous and mental diseases. He described Mrs. Morris's condition when she went into a trance during a medical examination. The other transmission in masculine voices of the spirit views of "Father O'Keefe" and "Mr. Power," Dr. Eder described as perfectly sincere and honest.

Other witnesses included a woman mental expert and a doctor of philosophy.—*Reuters*.

Special Service.

HONGKONG SHARE MARKET.

OFFICIAL SUMMARY BY STOCK EXCHANGE.

The opening this morning was quietly steady, but trading still remains on a meagre scale.

Sale.

Providents (Old) \$4.90.

Providents (New) \$2.50.

Humphreys \$10.65-\$17.

Hongkong Realtors \$11.65.

Euro. Tins. 14.90.

Hongkong Electrics \$741/4.

Amusements \$224.

Buyers.

Union Insurances \$470.

Bengtels \$134.

Dock \$20/2.

Providents (Old) \$4.90.

Providents (New) \$2.50.

Hotels (Cum. Rights) \$11.50.

Hongkong Realtors \$11.65.

Chinese Estates \$96.

Bengtels Explorations 29 cents.

Euro. Cottons Tins. 14.90.

Hongkong Tramways \$21.00.

Star Ferries \$90/4.

Hongkong Electrics \$74.

Telephones (P.P.) \$24.80.

Lane, Crawfords (Old) \$5.30.

Sincers \$162.

Amusements \$224.

Constructions (New) \$1.85.

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China Lights (Old) \$21/4.

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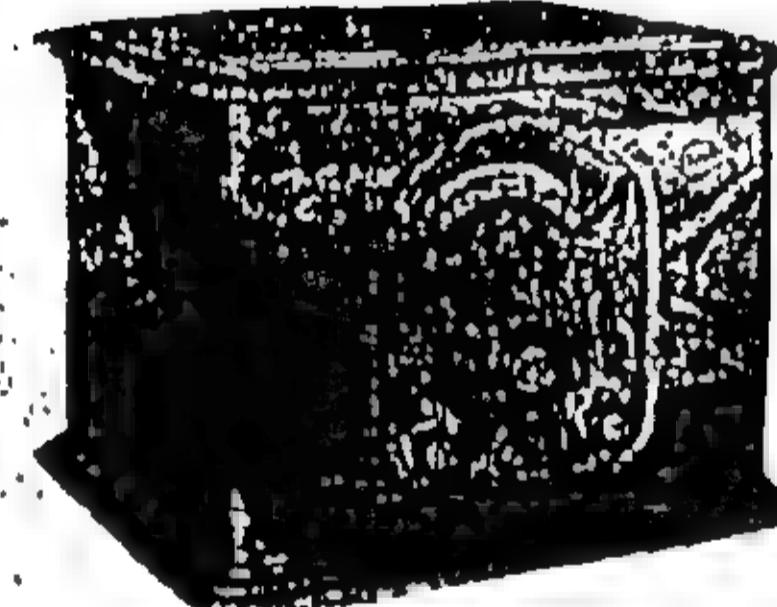
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SLUM AREAS.

REBUILDING QUESTION AT SANITARY BOARD.

"Nothing would please me more than to see the disappearance of these slum areas, but if they are to exist, will it not be better for them to be with sanitary conveniences than without?" declared Mr. M. K. Lo at yesterday's meeting of the Sanitary Board.

The question arose following a discussion on an application for the erection of five water closets at No. 15, New Market Street and No. 8, Connaught Road West. Consideration of the application was adjourned to enable the Board to see the premises.

Mr. G. R. Sayer (President) told the Board that the Select Committee dealing with the application had unanimously recommended that the Board refuse the application. Hon. Mr. H. T. Creasy, Director of Public Works, declaring that the building was unsuitable and he did not want to perpetuate the type.

Mr. Lo said that it was really reverting to the old question of whether the Board would use its power as a lever to cause the rebuilding of old houses, a policy to which the Board had previously agreed it would not adhere. He would be inconsistent in supporting the motion unless he was assured that that was not being done in this case.

Mr. Sayer—It is not a case of using a lever; the building is simply not suitable.

Mr. F. C. Hall—I must support Mr. Lo. If a building is unfit for a water closet, it must be unfit for human habitation.

Hon. Mr. Creasy and Dr. Pope, Medical Officer of Health, declared that the premises were insufficiently ventilated.

Dr. R. A. de Castro Basto said he would like to take a look at the premises and on his request, the matter was adjourned.

FRIENDLY HOCKEY.

G. SINGH'S BRILLIANT PLAY FOR RADIO.

In a friendly hockey match on the Caroline Hill ground yesterday afternoon the Radio Sports Club beat the German Club by six goals to nil.

The Radio team were vastly superior to their opponents and through the efforts of G. Singh at centre-forward established a strong lead in the first half when they scored four times. G. Singh being responsible for three of the goals and K. Singh for the other. G. Singh again netted in the second half when A. Singh scored a sixth.

Neither team was at full strength. For the Radio G. Jack at centre-half and G. Singh were outstanding, while Muller tried hard for the German Club but always found the Radio defence too good.

LAWN TENNIS.

BODIKER AND LEUNG TO PLAY HERE.

Two of the leading Canton players, G. Bodiker, the singles champion, and Leung Tak-kwong, the runner-up, will be playing against local players on Thursday and Friday on the stand court.

Both Bodiker and Leung have defeated E. C. Fincher and M. W. Lo in the Interport contest between Hongkong and Canton, but S. A. Rumjahn has defeated them both during some of his week-end visits to Canton.

University Tennis. The following will represent the Engineering Faculty in a University inter-college tennis match against the Medicos this afternoon at 4.30 p.m. at Pokfulam:

Prof. F. A. Redmond, L. A. Oppenholm, P. L. Tan, K. M. Lo, W. Fletcher and L. A. de Silva (Capt.).

TENNIS DOUBLES FINAL.

NOW INDEFINITELY POSTPONED.

We are informed by the Hon. Secretary of the H.K.C.C. that the tennis doubles championship final, which had to be postponed yesterday by reason of inclement weather, and which it was hoped might have been played to-day, has now been postponed indefinitely.

The match will take place on the first available day on which the weather and court are suitable, the date to be announced later.

FRIENDLY CRICKET.

HONGKONG C.C. ELEVEN AGAINST KOWLOON.

The following will represent the Hongkong Cricket Club against the Kowloon Cricket Club at 2 p.m. at the Hongkong Cricket Club on Saturday:

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WE HAVE TOO MANY POSERS.

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themselves? Have they found one of the secret roads to happiness?

When the Trouble Begins.

There is no question that we all of us require some sort of armour against the blows of life. This armour generally contains an element of make-believe, but it is our true friend under the accepted name of self-confidence.

Our hearts are, in fact, reasonably stout and brave, so nobody, ourselves included, is a penny the worse for our day-dream moments as they bear some relationship, however remote, to the facts and possibilities of our lives.

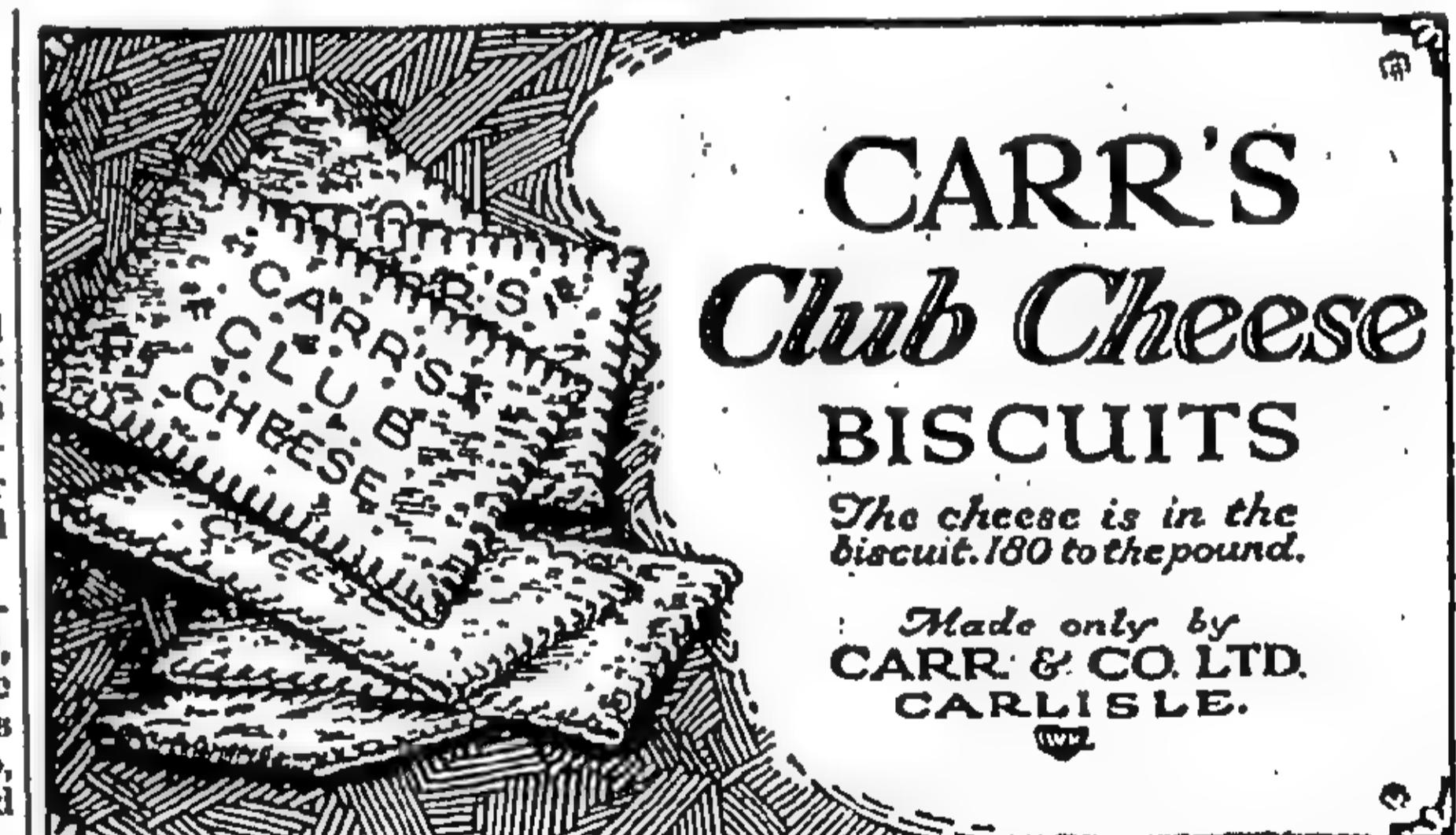
With the posers, however, this safeguard is removed. They begin with the perhaps natural desire to impress others. This proves surprisingly easy.

Flushed with this success, the posers pass imperceptibly from deceiving others to deceiving themselves—and this is their downfall.

Posers are never popular figures because your true poser believes so profoundly in their own baseless legend that they have become abnormal. They are suffering from a mild form of dementia and their normal bellows feel instinctively repelled.

However tiresome they may be, there is still something pathetic in these folk who fight so desperately in defence of the phantasms of their imagination. They are akin to the famous comedians with secret yearnings to appear as Hamlet. They are also of our kin, for in all our day-dreams be the seeds of posing. So when their airs and affectations prove most maddening, we should return them the soft answer and murmur to ourselves: "There, but for the grace of God, go I."

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Their Calling.

Now what is this calling of theirs, which seems such a mystery to the general public? They are termed Bill and Bullion Brokers, but in reality they only see a bill once in a blue moon, and if you were to ask any of them to quote for bullion they would think you mad. It is the broker's business to find out each morning what the state of the exchange market is, and inform his merchant and banker clients. Thereafter he is supposed to know everything, from the drawing rate on Damascus to the course of the latest typhoon.

But what worries and anxieties are concealed by that phrase "finding out what the market is"?

In an ideal market, every banker would say frankly, "I know what information you require" and then proceed to quote you his rates for various currencies and different deliveries—which would be firm and unalterable for at least five minutes. You would only have to say "Thank you."

There was an actual case where a banker in a place where rates were very stationary, used to sit back with his feet up, smoking a cigar and reading his correspondence. When the brokers came in they found his buying rate chalked on the sole of his right foot, and his selling rate on the left. When he wasn't a buyer, he dropped his right foot or crossed his legs, leaving only the selling rate visible. (Laughter). And vice versa if he wasn't a seller. But that was quite exciting.

Finding Out the Rates.

In reality, you call on a banker knowing full well that you have got to use every form of artifice and subtlety to find out even a fraction of what he wants to do; you have got to try and pierce the sphinx-like mask of his poker face and hope that by some cunningly contrived question you will succeed in catching him unaware and forcing him to admit that he is rather a buyer than a seller. By great good fortune, you may get one of them to say that he will actually buy or sell at a certain rate, but if he has so far committed himself he will probably qualify it at once by saying "provided the market doesn't get stronger or weaker" or "It depends on what turns up".

After calling on a dozen or so bankers and putting them through the third degree, you are still completely hazy as to the actual market, and when definitely asked what it is, you answer non-committally that it "ought to be so-and-so". That is why you see so many exchange brokers at a quarter to ten in the morning hailing one another in rickshaws and begging their competitors to tell them what the market is. Being very frank individuals, we promptly give our competitors what little information we have acquired—with suitable reservations—and carry on, feeling that we have done our good deed for the day.

Reliance Of Bankers.

Most of the bankers are reluctant to tell you anything until they have found out what you are trying to do, and they only make their wants known when they think you are going to be of some use to them. It is, therefore, most unwise to be put off by a banker's statement that he is doing nothing. No banker ever does nothing. There are a thousand and one things he wants to do. But he won't tell you. That is the humiliation of the position.

Take my friend here, Mr. Kan Tong-po. When you ask him something he shakes his head solemnly and says "Very slack! Very slack!" Whether he is referring to business or to the broker is not at all clear. (Laughter). You press him again, and he says "See what happens". What he wants to do will be revealed in due course—and then probably to one of your competitors. But you have got to keep on pegging away. He may suddenly like your face and give you an order.

What Makes the Market Move?
People have often asked me "Who decides on the rates?" "What is it that makes the market 1/4 at ten o'clock and 1/8-7/8 half an hour later?" "How does the fall actually take place?"

How does any fall in prices take place? It is a question of supply and demand. Usually in Hongkong there is neither supply nor demand, though occasionally someone buys \$10 to send home to his wife. (Laughter). But theoretically, it works out like this—and I am speaking of the interbank market, which enables us to get such wonderful rates for our merchants!—

A broker finds about six banks trying to buy sterling at 1/4 1/6 and only one selling at 1/4. He says to one of the buyers "You haven't an earthly chance of getting 1/16. Grab it while you can." So the rate of 1/4 is done. The other buyers hear about it and some say that they will buy at that rate too—so the market has become 1/16. Easier. The lucky broker who put through the transaction has earned his brokerage, but he must be prepared to spend the rest of the day getting his pants kicked by the five disappointed buyers for not using his persuasion with them.

Practical Difficulties.

In practice, however, the market does not always stand still while a broker makes his rounds, weighing up buyers and sellers, and then puts through a transaction. When he approaches the solitary seller, he usually finds that the man has gone off selling. Even if he thinks he can rely on two or three sellers at 1/4, he may still be unable to connect business. Of course when he first gets an order to buy at a feasible rate, he will scurry from the manager's room in a state of high elation. It is in frenzied moments such as this that you have seen these fellows take a flying leap on to the pavement, jump into a moving rickshaw, and dash among the traffic, looking like Ben Hur in a chariot race.

Entering the sanctum of the first seller he says "I can buy \$25,000 at 1/4". But the banker regrets that he no longer has any cover. For all you know, he may have been quoting merely for fun. Undaunted, the broker rushes to the next seller and is told the same thing. He probably says to himself "Something wrong with my methods. I look too excited. I'm frightening them off."

So he slows down and saunters into the office of the remaining

seller, hoping to conceal his inward excitement. This time he doesn't shout "I can buy \$5,000." He enquires cautiously, "Are you selling at 1/4?" Then when the banker says "Yes", he can seize a contract form and fill in his order. But the man doesn't say "Yes". He says "Shanghai's gone easier. I'm buying now." (Laughter).

So great is my sympathy for that broker that a lump comes in my throat as I think of his bitter anguish and disappointment. Most galling of all is the fact that he must confess to his buyer that he has failed. Possibly, while he was sprinting, the business was done by another broker who used the telephone. But sometimes the market can rise or fall 1/8d. or more without any transactions being put through.

Descreet Enquiries.

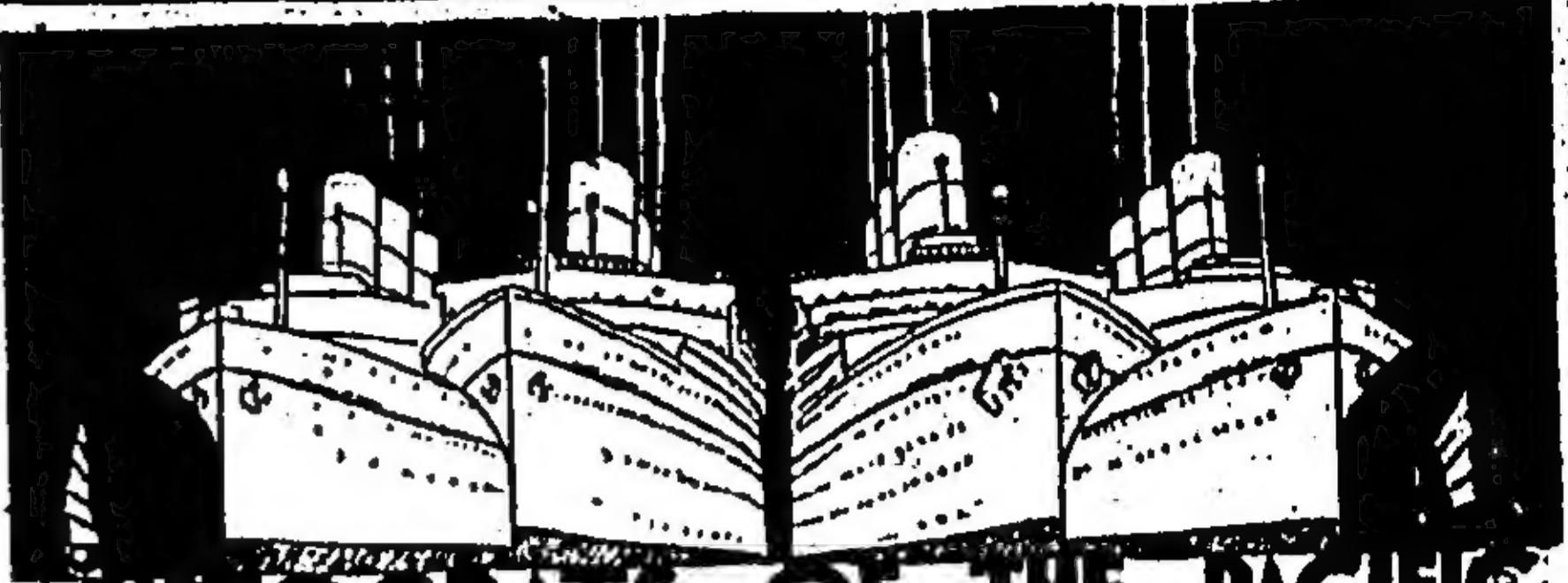
To keep pace with the rates you have also got to try and find out what your competitors are doing in the interbank market. But though you see signs of activity right and left, you may not know in the least what it is all about. It may not be interbank business at all. A man can get just as hot and bothered over buying a draft for fifty pesos.

You therefore set out like a sleuth-hound to gain the desired knowledge. Some bankers just sit with their contracts before them, turned upside down, and defy your efforts at thought reading, with a bland smile on their faces. You won't get much help from those quarters. But some will reveal a transaction in confidence: some will talk quite naturally about what they have done; while others—a very small minority—will blurt it from the housetops. In the latter case a purchase of £10,000 becomes £30,000 in no time, by the mere process of rumour-mongering, and an hour later it will be reported that they have bought up the whole market.

Help From Brokers.

On the whole, however, you will not glean as much as you would wish, in the course of this detective work; and the next step is to tackle your broker competitors, in the hope that one of them will be in an expansive or boastful mood. The offer of a cigarette, or the gift of a piece of chocolate, (laugh) will sometimes work the oracle. Under the spell of your friendliness, the other fellow may confess to you that he has just done a quarter of a lac of yen or a wad of rupees. One of my friends can always be won over by telling him the latest

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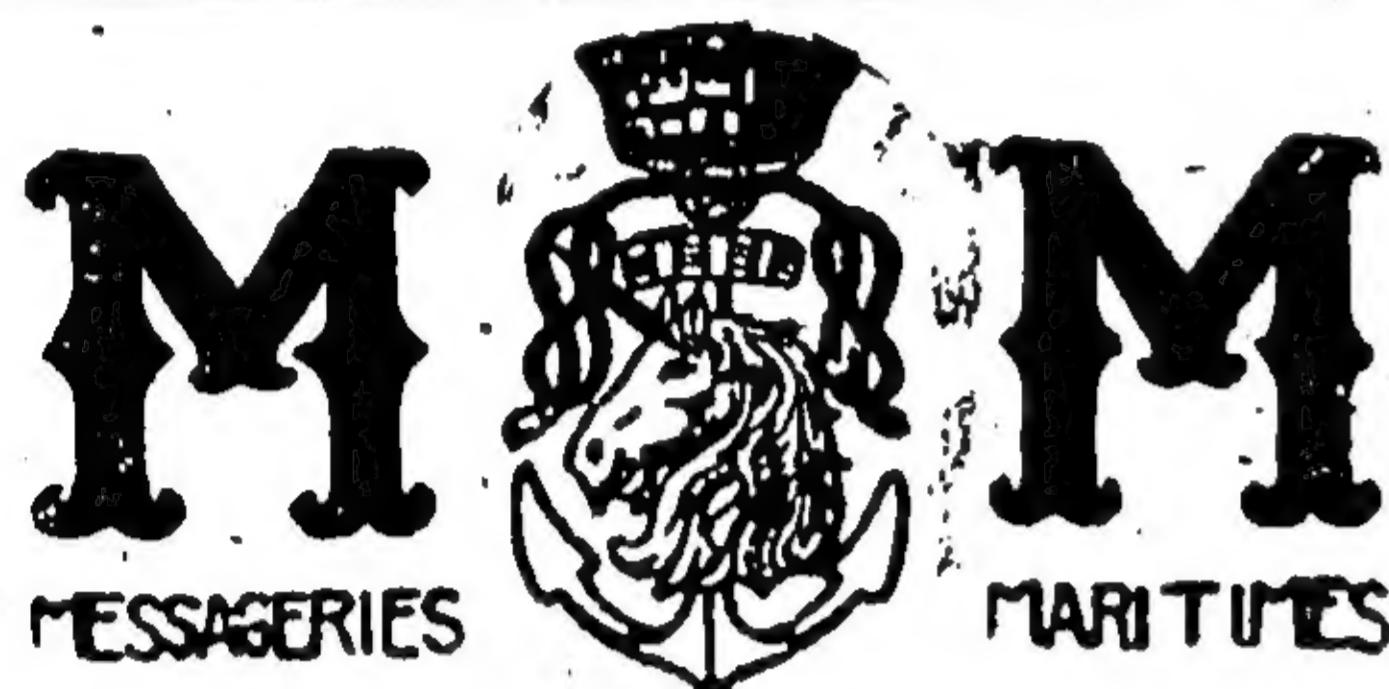
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after-dinner joke. When he has finished laughing, he is in such a good mood that he will tell you all he knows. Unfortunately it never amounts to very much. (Laughter).

Frustrated Hopea.

Well, gentlemen, I could go on indefinitely but I shall be getting the bankers on my track. However, I hope that I have said enough to show that, like all of you, we have our worries, and that life with us is not one long rickshaw ride. Next time you hear a shouting in the street and are nearly knocked over by a bullion broker's coolie, do not vent your anger on him, even if he looks as though he owned the President Hoover. Think rather of his frustrated hopes and agony of mind, and remember that underneath that pretty buttonhole his heart may be as heavy as the silver market.

I do not suppose I shall address you again on this subject for the next fifteen or twenty years, but if I have dwelt to-day on the drawbacks of our profession, you may rest assured that next time I shall strike a more optimistic note. I shall be just thinking of retiring, and must get someone to buy my seat!—(Laughter and applause).

A Banker's View.

The speaker was fittingly thanked by Mr. Li Tse-fong, of the Bank of East Asia, who found a few things to say about bullion brokers. In the course of a brief but laughable address, Mr. Li remarked: As a bank manager I have to spend a lot of my time in interviewing brokers every morning, and many bankers consider that these interviews are a sheer waste of time.—(Laughter). I, myself, consider that, sometimes, they are rather useful, if not helpful, because when business is slack their coming in and going out all the time gives the appearance of great activity (laughter) and when business is brisk their views on music, pianos (laughter), racing and golf gives me great relief in the morning's routine work which has to be done as quickly as possible.

He continued: In my opinion, the lot of the broker is not at all an unhappy one, and if Mr. Bowes-Smith is thinking of selling his seat I can give him an offer.—(Applause). Subject to satisfactory arrangements, I am perfectly willing to change positions whenever he wishes it.—(Laughter and applause).

Magnificent Hospitality.

The Chairman: Before closing the meeting I would ask you to join with me in thanking the Dollar Steamship Company for their magnificent hospitality.—(Applause).

I also wish to thank the passengers who are non-Rotarians, on this ship, for having borne with us today. I didn't notice any raspberries coming towards the speaker but, as he said, there are no bananas, though I believe there were some in the fruit cellars.—(Laughter).

The Secretary was instructed to write a letter of thanks to the Company and the Captain.

The Next Meeting.

In closing the meeting, the Chairman reminded members that next Tuesday's meeting would be held as usual, in Messrs. Lane Crawford's restaurant.

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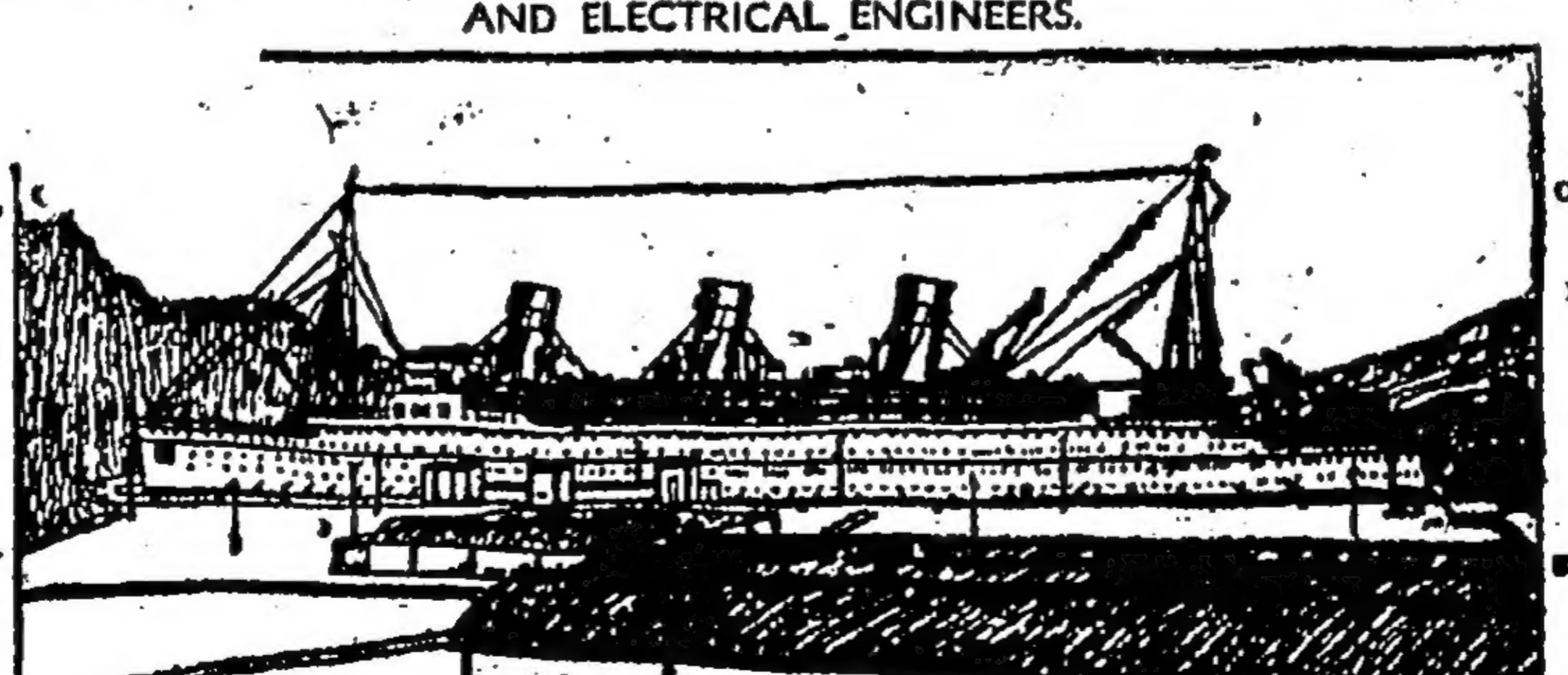
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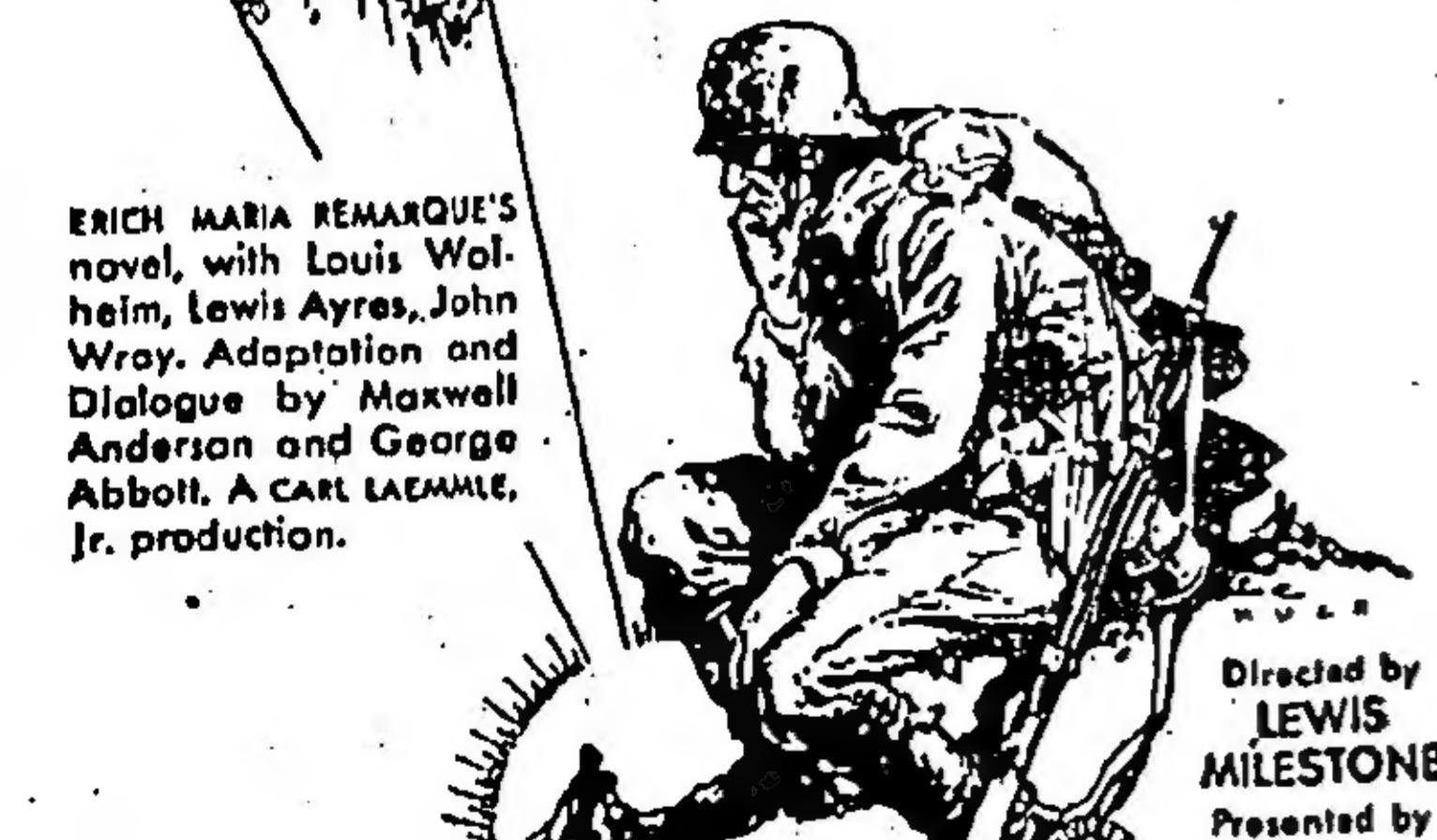
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Before Mr. Fraser, at the Kowloon Magistracy, this morning, a young married woman named Luk Siu-tsan, living at No. 177 Tung Choi Street, was charged with ill-treating a male child named Chan Pi, two years of age, on various dates.

Mr. R. G. Wilkinson, of the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs, appeared for the prosecution, and alleged that too severe punishment was inflicted by the defendant on the child with a feather duster on 20th March.

Giving evidence, Dr. J. Smalley, of the Kowloon Hospital, said he examined the child on April 2 and found him to be suffering from multiple bruises in the lower limbs, from the thigh downwards. Similar bruises could also be found on both arms, while the cheeks were also bruised. In his opinion, the injuries were at least from three to four days old. Close to the right eye was a haemorrhage, which might have been caused by a blow.

Sub-Inspector Fraser, attached to the S.C.A., testified to visiting 177, Tung Choi Street on receiving a report on April 2, and finding the child, of whom the defendant was the mother. There were several injuries on his body and witness took him to the Kowloon Hospital for Dr. Smalley's examination.

Defendant admitted caning the child, but denied that she had done so on several occasions previous to March 29. She stated that she chastised him because he would not obey her; she contended she had no other way of teaching him except by caning.

His Worship held that even if the child were naughty, defendant was not justified in inflicting such a heavy punishment.

A fine of \$100 or two months was imposed.

Loyang, Apr. 12.

The National Emergency Conference closed this morning with a review of troops.

The delegates voted for the gradual enforcement of conscription in China, stressing the importance of military training in schools.

The conference decided to convene a National People's Conference in October, with 300 delegates representing the leading professions and civic organisations and also the overseas Chinese.—Reuters.

The boxing match between H.M.S. Hermes and H.M.S. Cumberland, arranged for Thursday, 14th inst., is postponed owing to the meningitis outbreak.

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ACCIDENT.INQUEST INTO WOMAN'S
DEATH.

The death of a coolie woman who was knocked down by a flat car, No. 3090, driven by Mr. C. E. Gahagan in Hennessey Road, Wan-chai on March 23, was the subject of an inquest held before Mr. Schofield at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon.

Mr. E. S. C. Brooks watched the proceedings in the interests of the driver concerned in the case.

Mr. Gahagan stated that at 4.15 on the afternoon in question he was proceeding eastward along Hennessey Road. When passing Canal Road East he noticed the woman, carrying two baskets of Shanghai plaster, crossing Hennessey Road diagonally, going from north to south.

He sounded his horn when 20 yards away. She turned towards the south side of the road, then turned again and ran to the north side. He could see that she was very excited, so he slowed down and swerved to the right when about four yards away from her.

She turned round again, ran towards the south side of the road, and, before he had time to swerve clear, she was struck on the right hip by the bumper of the car. As he got out of the car, the victim was being assisted to the pavement by some Chinese. He telephoned for an ambulance from the Asiatic Motor Garage, and also reported the accident to the local district Station.

ACCIDENTAL DEATH.

Dr. G. H. Thomas, Medical Officer at the Government Civil Hospital, stated that the woman died five minutes after admission, from shock and multiple injuries, including a ruptured spleen and broken ribs.

The Coroner asked if the post-mortem examination disclosed any definite indication of the woman having been run over, and witness replied that he found no such indication, although the injuries were consistent with the woman having been knocked down by a car.

According to a Chinese mechanic who was an eye witness the car was travelling at full speed and ran straight into the woman. He heard no horn sounded.

After hearing the evidence the jury, comprising Messrs. R. M. da Rocha (Foreman), R. Darling and J.M.V. Remedios, returned a verdict of accidental death and attached no blame to the driver, who in their opinion, took every precaution to avoid an accident.

In associating himself with the verdict the Coroner expressed the sympathy of the Court and of the jury with the deceased's husband.

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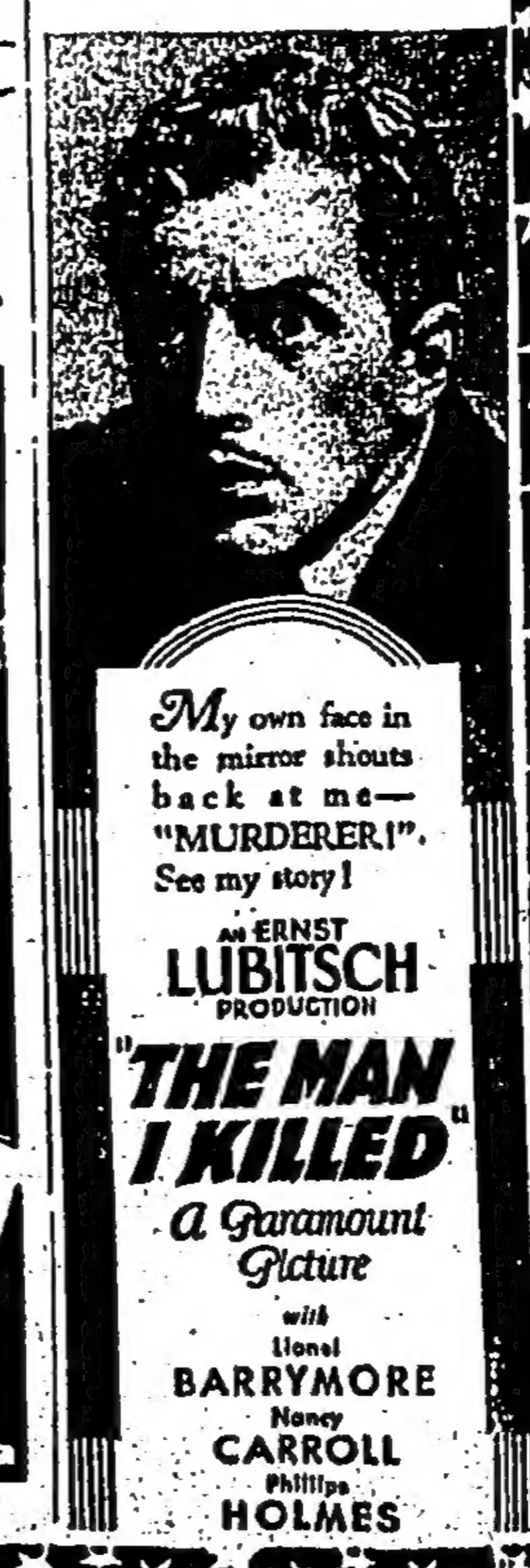
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